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GERMANY AND ITALY OPPOSE INTERVENTION But Will Not Tolerate One-Sided Restriction DIRECT OR INDIRECT AID TO SPAIN MUST BE BANNED

London, January 7.
The German and Italian replies to the Anglo-French proposals concerning restriction of intervention in the Spanish civil war, have been received. Both Italy and Germany agree to co-operate, provided that other participating nations adopt the same attitude, that the question of indirect intervention is tackled immediately, and that all participating Governments agree to unconditional, effective control on the spot of all prohibitions agreed to.—*Reuter*.

THREE CONDITIONS

Berlin, Jan. 7.
The German reply to the Anglo-French proposals for the preservation of neutrality in Spain, makes three conditions to co-operation in further non-intervention efforts. The first condition is that other participating nations should adopt the same attitude; the second, that the question of indirect intervention shall immediately be tackled; and the third, that all participating Governments shall agree to unconditional, effective control of prohibitions to be agreed upon, such control to be carried out on the spot.

The German reply also urges the advisability of removing from Spain all non-Spanish participants in the civil war, including "political agitators and propagandists."

Germany expresses astonishment that Britain and France are appealing directly to the Governments presented on the Non-Intervention Committee, which is at present discussing the prohibition of foreign volunteers entering Spain. Germany says that if it is believed that the Committee method is inadequate then it would be better to refrain from continuance of that system. Italy and Germany, from the beginning, demanded the prohibition of volunteers for Spain, but Britain and France declined to act, the German reply recalls. It is suggested, too, that prohibition of volunteers might result in one-sided support against General Francisco Franco and the Nationalist elements, which would benefit only the Bolshevik party in Spain, which has obviously been sufficiently strengthened by foreign volunteers. But Germany is willing, it is stressed, to support all measures to prevent the stream of volunteers entering Spain in the expectation that all possibilities of direct and indirect intervention in the Spanish war will be finally excluded.

Alternative

After laying down the conditions mentioned above, the German reply adds that if no agreement is possible on the matter of prevention of other forms of indirect intervention, then Germany reserves the right to re-examine her attitude with regard to volunteers. The German News Agency states that the German reply was drafted in agreement with the Italian Government, which is simultaneously giving a corresponding answer to the British and French request for an explanation of attitude with respect to the Spanish war.—*Reuter*.

Reply Forecast

Berlin, Jan. 7.
The terms of the German reply to the Anglo-French appeal for a non-intervention pact, which are to be handed over tonight to the Ambassadors concerned, are predicted in well-informed quarters. They will express Germany's readiness to prevent further volunteers going to Spain, but will raise the question of those already there, it is believed. Germany will also ask for consideration of the question of gold placed at the disposal of the Spanish Government for war operations and Russian financial assistance. The outstanding points of the German reply will probably be concerned with the exclusion of foreign intervention, both moral and material. The unity of the Italian and German standpoints is certain.—*Reuter Special*.

London Anxiety

London, Jan. 7.
Anxiety continues to be felt in London regarding the grave consequences.—(Continued on Page 4.)

SHENSI TROUBLE RECURS REBELS RESENT DISCIPLINE SWIFT MOVE BY NANKING

Nanking, Jan. 8.
The Central Government troops which have been withdrawing from Shensi since Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's release last month, have been ordered to return to the troubled province immediately.

This development is a result of the defiant and unruly attitude adopted by General Chang Hsueh-ling and General Yang Hu-chien, who bitterly oppose the re-organisation of the Shensi provincial Government and the military administration of North-west China. General Yang Hu-chien is reported to have proclaimed himself Governor and commander-in-chief in Shensi.

Skirmishing has already occurred near Hsuehsien, a Lungai Railway town, 50 miles east of Shanfa, and a major clash is feared, although Nanking is doing its utmost to achieve a peaceful solution of the problem.—*Reuter*.

Pope Appears Better MIND ACTIVE DESPITE EXHAUSTION

Vatican City, Jan. 7.
There is a tendency towards improvement in the Pope's condition, according to official circles. The welcome relief has enabled His Holiness to lie with his feet extended, while a special cage has spared him from the friction of the bed clothes. His Holiness is suffering from exhaustion. He has spells of lassitude and depression, but his mind is most active.—*Reuter Special*.

THE SEAFORTH'S IN HONGKONG



Men of the 1st Battalion of The Seaforth Highlanders are here seen just after coming ashore on their arrival on Tuesday. The Battalion came direct from active service in Palestine, where a number of casualties were suffered. (Photo: Kwong Lam Studio).

FRANCE AWAITS TURKISH MOVE But has no Fear of any Coup de Force in Syria

Paris, Jan. 7.
No news of any massing of Turkish troops on the southern frontier, adjacent to Alexandretta and Antioch, has reached well-informed quarters here.

It is pointed out that Turkey is not demanding annexation of Alexandretta or Antioch, but is merely urging the granting of independence. It is therefore thought that a coup de force by Turkey is most unlikely.

It is emphasised that France is content to leave matters in the hands of the League of Nations, where negotiations with the Turks are continuing. And it is hoped that an acceptable solution may be reached.—*Reuter*.

Seeds of Trouble

Paris, Jan. 7.
It is explained that the Franco-Turkish quarrel over Antioch and Alexandretta is an outgrowth of the World War treaties, by which Turkey ceded Alexandretta to Syria, over which France obtained a mandate. Recently France announced her intention of giving Syria independence within three years, whereupon Turkey announced she was reclaiming the territory and appealed to the League of Nations.

Meanwhile, Istanbul dispatches report great public excitement, as M. Kemal Ataturk has summoned his Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the Interior and members of the Army General Staff to a four-hour conference at Eskişehir.—*United Press*.

EX-KINGS LUNCH IN VIENNA

ALFONSO HOST TO EDWARD

Vienna, Jan. 7.
The Duke of Windsor was a guest at luncheon of the ex-King of Spain, at the Hotel Imperial, today. The third person present was Alfonso's son, Jaime. After an hour's stay, ex-King Alfonso accompanied the Duke to a car outside the hotel, where a crowd quickly gathered and cheered the two ex-monarchs. The Duke of Windsor immediately returned to Ennsfeld.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

U.S. Strikes Spreading

Detroit, Jan. 7.
The strikes in the motor industry have spread to five more factories simultaneously with the breakdown of the negotiations for a settlement. The disputes spread beyond the General Motors plants when all-down strikes began in two factories supplying automobile bodies for the Ford Company.—*Reuter*.

Influenza In Britain Takes Cruel Toll

London, Jan. 7.
Influenza deaths in the past week have reached a total of 325, compared with 97 in the previous week. The epidemic has broken out in the United States. Washington cables state that cases reported from all parts of the union have doubled in the last week.—*Reuter*.

ORGANISING AIRWAYS SYSTEM GREAT GROUND WORK NEAR COMPLETION

London, Jan. 7.
The present year will see the completion of the great system of ground organisation along Empire air routes designed to permit the operation of the services to a twenty-four hours schedule.

Improvement of the ground organisation involves the establishment of new air ports and landing grounds, provision of more wireless stations equipped with the latest aids to flying, installation of new airway beacons, and perfecting of the meteorological system furnishing continuous day and night service of weather forecasts and reports.—*British Wireless*.

Hostages Given To Britain

MIRALI TRIBESMEN'S SIGN OF PEACE

New Delhi, Jan. 7.
A hundred men and a hundred rifles were today handed over as hostages to the Government by a Jirga, or Council of Headmen, of the Mirali tribesmen at Mirali, in the Khatiora Valley, the scene of the recent fighting. This was done as an earnest of good faith and constitutes the fulfilment of one of the conditions of the truce made at the end of December.—*Reuter Special*.

PRINCESS JULIANA OMITS PROMISE TO "OBEY"

The Hague, Jan. 7.
It is noteworthy that the pledge by the bride to be "obedient" was omitted from the marriage service at the wedding of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld.

On their return to the Palace in the afternoon, the couple appeared for a few minutes on the balcony and acknowledged the wild cheering of the huge crowd, which refused to be dispersed until the mounted police were called. Members of both the Royal Families attended a banquet at the Palace in the evening, while the Duke of Kent, the Earl and Countess of Athlone and Captain and the Hon. Mrs. Abel-Smith were present at a banquet at the British Legation. It is understood that the royal couple are to spend their honeymoon at Igls, a Tyrolean winter sports resort near Innsbruck, travelling thither in a special car attached to an express train.—*Reuter Special*.

NEW ATTACK ON MADRID

Germans and Moors In Determined Offensive DEFENDERS CLAIM EVERY REBEL CHARGE BROKEN

Madrid, Jan. 7.
The suggestion that the fight for the capital is entering a critical stage is contained in a communique issued by the Madrid Defence Council.

It states that the battle which began yesterday in the sector of Pozuelo de Alarcon, El Plantio and Las Rozas, continued throughout the night. German and Moroccan troops, supported by a large number of tanks strongly pressed the Government lines, it is admitted.

Government troops, however, were strongly entrenched and fiercely resisted. The defence was effective, it is claimed, and the insurgent losses very heavy, especially in the neighbourhood of Las Rozas.

An appeal to speed up the evacuation of the civil population of Madrid has been launched through all Government newspapers.

Major Carlos, Political Commissar of the Fifth Battalion, urges that a single command is now necessary to meet the situation and emphasises the importance of evacuating the women and children and all who are unable to serve directly or indirectly in the struggle.—*Reuter*.

Franco's Communique

The following official communique from General Francisco Franco, insurgent leader, was read in Hongkong to-day, broadcast from Tenerife:

"On the Huesca front the Nationalists have repulsed a heavy attack by the Reds.

"A great attack is proceeding on the Madrid front and the rebels have occupied Las Rozas, El Plantio and other positions. Heavy casualties have been suffered, though the exact number is not known."

Steamer Stopped

Gibraltar, Jan. 7.
The Norwegian steamer *Isis* was stopped in the Straits of Gibraltar this afternoon by a Spanish insurgent gunboat and was compelled to proceed to the insurgent port of Algeciras where her papers and cargo were inspected by the authorities. The *Isis* came from the insurgent port of Huelva and was bound for Mediterranean ports.—*Reuter*.

Still Defiant

Berlin, Jan. 7.
The Foreign Office, through the Propaganda Ministry, announced today that up to now nothing was known here of rumours of the Spanish Government's decision to release the passenger and cargo of the *Palos*.—*Reuter*.

Recruiting In U.S.

Avila, Jan. 7.
Insurgent headquarters here announced today that the German Luftwaffe airmen were establishing a regular service between Stuttgart, Burgos and Lisbon, via Geneva and Marseilles, on January 11.—*United Press*.

Lufthansa Service

Washington, Jan. 7.
The Attorney-General, Mr. Homer S. Cummings, has ordered federal officers to investigate reports from San Francisco and New York that recruiting of volunteers for the war in Spain is being carried out. The officers will act under provisions of the Criminal Code, providing imprisonment and fine for such breaches of American neutrality.—*United Press*.

CLIMBERS STRANDED

Berlin, Jan. 7.
Two German climbers are still stranded on the top of a precipice in the Bavarian Alps, where they were isolated on New Year's Day by avalanches blocking their way down the mountains. Aeroplanes have been dropping food and blankets to them, and a rescue party of 200 soldiers is now being formed to bring the men down.—*Reuter Special*.

Captive Chief Will Be Sent To Mussolini

RAS IMRU IN HANDS OF CONQUERORS

Rome, Jan. 7.
Ras Imru, the Ethiopian warrior chief, who was recently captured, together with his two sons, is to be brought to Rome. This is the order of Signor Benito Mussolini. It is not known what future the Italians are planning for this gallant and capable leader, whose handful of fighting men refused to surrender to Italian domination and fought to the last against overwhelming odds. Ras Imru stood barchanded in the Addis Ababa airport today at a gathering of Ethiopian chiefs while Marshal Graziani, the vice-regal authority, made a speech emphasizing the uselessness of continued resistance to the Italian conquest.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

Paris shows you some of the new ways of . . . Dressing up your clothes

YOU can argue whether London, New York or Hollywood rules the dressmakers—but for the little bits and pieces that make a plain outfit look original—give it a dash of craziness—you have to hand it (your attention) to Paris.

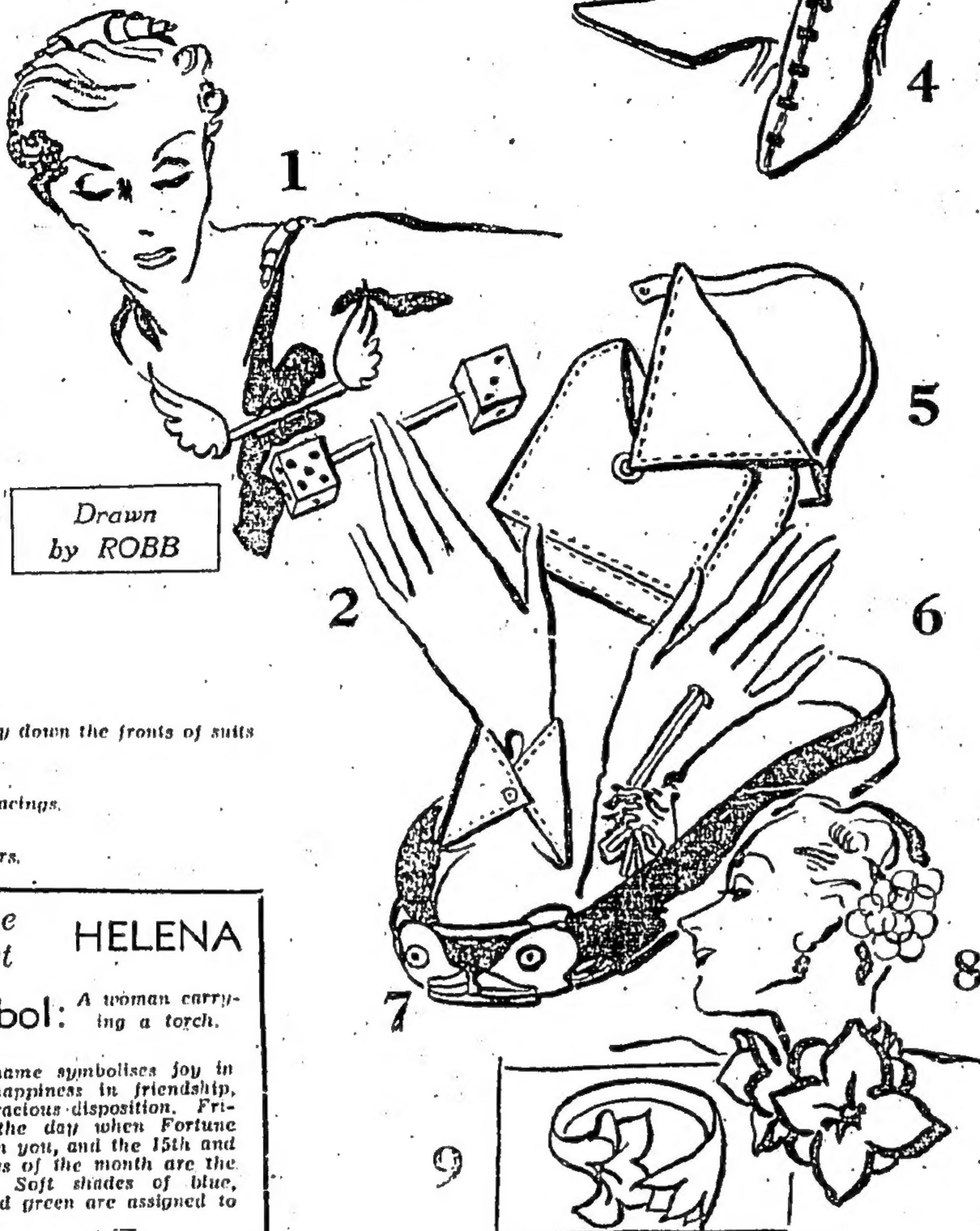
Because the Parisienne inclines to black—whatever the fashion—she knows those accessories that best brighten up a mournful kit.

Here is a page of them. Maybe you can't buy just the same thing here, but they'll give you ideas.

That black dress you're bored with, last year's suit, the evening dress they've seen you in oh, so often, if you choose a well-styled gadget and wear it wisely, can seem new again. An expensive accessory is sometimes the cheapest way to make a change of clothes.

These were all seen around Paris, but there are places in London where you'll find the same sort of thing.

1. HEAD AND SHOULDER. Ornaments: rolls of gilt metal clip on.
2. DICE OR WING PINS. One end screws on. They were one or many down the fronts of suits or dresses.
3. FOOT AND HAND. Dressed alike in navy felt, with flashy silk lacings.
4. VENETIAN BOOTS FOR EVENING. Rising high on the ankle and in bright colours.
5. STITCHED PIGSKIN. Enveloping glove and handbag. The bag is really square cornered, and the top hinges open.
6. RUCHED GLOVE OF SUEDE. Lacing draws up the suede, ties at wrist.
7. EEL ROUND WAIST. Body is black suede, cat-heads of gold metal.
8. BUBBLES OF GLASS. Coloured, worn in the hair; they are fixed to a band which hides under the hair.
9. NECKPIECE OF SILK FLOWERS. Diagram shows how it is made. Tied round the neck to pearls in a coloured flower-heads, twist back to show vivid blue faces.



Drawn by ROBB

Name Chart HELENA

Symbol: A woman carrying a torch.

This name symbolises joy in living, happiness in friendship, and a gracious disposition. Friday is the day when Fortune smiles on you, and the 15th and 24th days of the month are the luckiest. Soft shades of blue, pink, and green are assigned to you.

Your lucky gem is the turquoise. Wear it, and you will be happy in love and marriage. Your flower is the nigella (love-in-a-mist) and your lucky number is 6.

Apple Cheesecakes

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. apples; 1 egg; 1oz. castor sugar; 1oz. butter; nearly 1oz. stale cake crumbs; 1/2 lemon; cloves; cinnamon. Pastry: puff or flaky.

Cut the apples, unpeeled and uncored, into small pieces and stew them in a pulp with the sugar, lemon-rind, cloves, a small piece of stick cinnamon, and a little water. Rub through a hair sieve and put back into the saucepan, where you must add the butter in little pieces. Heat up again, stirring, then off the fire and cool, put in the crumbs and the egg well beaten.

Make some patties with your pastry, fill them three-parts full with the cold mixture and bake them in a hot oven for a quarter of an hour or a minute or two longer. Dredge with castor sugar when done. These cakes may be eaten hot as a sweet.

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR WINTER SALADS

AS Brillat-Savarin puts it, the discovery of a new dish adds more to the happiness of the world than the discovery of a new star. So we must rejoice when we find nations exchanging their delicious products with each other.

Some are indigenous, but there is no reason why they could not be acclimatised, provided the conditions are favourable. After all, the potato comes from Virginia and the turkey from Illinois, though there is no doubt that both were known in other countries even more remote from all points of view.

What inspires these lines is the welcome news that in the distant future the grouse will lose its aloof exclusiveness, and more people will be able to enjoy shooting and eating this admirable bird—that is, if it prospers in its new home.

It is announced that sixty grouse (thirty couples) have been imported from Scotland into Brittany, all marked with numbered aluminium rings.

The land chosen for this interesting attempt is that part near Redon and Vitre consisting of picturesque moors similar in many respects to those of Scotland and Yorkshire.

The shooting will, of course, be preserved all the time the experiment remains an experiment. After that, if it is successful, the gourmands of France will have one more bird to choose from when making their menus.

I can see also 'pate de grouse' sharing with fole gras the honours of the cold table.

This is the time, by the way, to make our stock of pates of grouse, according to recipes. Cooked in a "terrine" covered with a coat of fat half an inch thick, and stored in a cool, dry place, they will keep for weeks and months. We shall be glad to have them when the grouse days are over.

With this pate, or indeed with a cold bird, one thing goes particularly well; a winter salad plainly dressed without mustard.

Salade d'Hiver. THIS is composed of watercress, beetroot and celery. Use only the top bouquet of the watercress, so that there is as little stalk as possible, and only the white and crisp heart of the celery.

Both the celery and the beetroot are cut in thin strips about two inches long, and there should be about two parts of watercress and one part each of celery and beetroot.

Dress only at the last minute with olive oil (two parts), wine vinegar (one part), salt and pepper. It will be all the better if the beetroot has been baked and not boiled.

Flamando. SERVED as a separate vegetable dish this salad is at its best.

Take some Belgian endives, and, having removed the outside leaves, wash and drain them well.

Cut the endives across in pieces about one-inch long, and mix with the same quantity of cold boiled potatoes (the waxy yellow kind are better for this than floury ones).

Chop together one small onion and a little parsley, and sprinkle it all over in the salad bowl. The dressing is the ordinary plain one as before, but with the addition of a little English mustard.

Apple and Celery

A SALAD of a more elaborate nature, again to be served by itself. It is made with the white part of the celery cut into thin strips about two inches long, and eating apples which have been peeled and also cut into strips of the same size. Use one part of apple to two parts of celery.

The dressing is made with cream instead of oil, and lemon juice instead of vinegar, with a flavouring of tomato ketchup. Chop finely a few of the tender leaves (hardly green yet or apple green and yellow) of the celery, and sprinkle over the salad.

Nouveau-Monde

TAKE the same quantity of heart of white cabbage and of red cabbage; both should be finely shredded and all hard parts removed.

The red cabbage, shredded, is seasoned with salt and pepper, then boiling vinegar is poured over it and it is left a day to marinate before it is drained and used.

Dress the white cabbage separately with ordinary French dressing of oil, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Both cabbages are then disposed in the salad bowl neatly, according to

your fancy, in two or four sections, sprinkled with finely chopped yolk of egg. The salad appears like this on the table and is mixed after it has made its effect.

It can be served also as a hors d'oeuvre in hors d'oeuvre dishes, and not mixed before serving.

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By a Solicitor

1.—Agreements and Leases

A TENANCY is the grant of premises to a person for a limited period in exchange for a rent. An agreement for a term of three years or less may be either in writing or verbally. It cannot be too strongly advised, however, that all tenancy agreements for any period should be reduced to writing and signed by the parties, in order to save any possible friction subsequently. There is no special form of words required to effect the tenancy, so long as the intention of the parties is clear.

An agreement for a tenancy from year to year, although it may last indefinitely, counts as a lease for less than three years and need not be made by deed.

All leases for more than three years must be made by deed under seal. Such leases are, highly technical documents, and should always be prepared by a professional adviser.

Suppose a tenant has entered premises under a lease for more than three years which was not made by deed. Although this is void as a lease, he may regard it as an agreement for a lease, and hold the premises as a tenant from year to year. He may also insist on being granted a valid lease on the same terms as the void one.

Beauty Box

THE week-end is the best time for doing those little jobs for your face, your hair, your hands, that there's never time for during the week.

If your skin feels tired, rough, or looks a bad colour, try this face pack. It's best done in the morning, or after lunch if you have an hour to spare. First of all wash your face thoroughly with water and a little soap, to be sure there's no trace of make-up left on it.

Then mix a handful of oatmeal (the ordinary toilet kind) with the juice of a lemon and enough milk to make it into a fairly firm paste. Smear this with your fingers all over your face and neck, spreading it on in a thick mask (and see that the little crevices round your eyes and nose don't escape).

Leave it on until it hardens and dries. . . . you'll find that takes 20 minutes to half an hour. During this time you'll notice a strong drawing feeling all over your skin. That means that the dirt is being drawn out and your skin generally being tightened up.

Take the pack off with water, wash your face well, and rub in some feeding cream, doing a little massage in the process. This will counteract the astringent effects of the lemon, and (your skin being thoroughly cleaned) will work well in. Leave the cream on for a quarter of an hour.

HOUSEWIFE'S SCRAPBOOK

A READER asked how to clean a wooden draining board. Here is the reply:

The stains which accumulate on the wood are mainly grease-bound and removable by scrubbing with a suitable scouring mixture. All kinds of white wood in the kitchen—tables, shelves, etc., can be kept in perfect condition by the use of the following scouring paste, which is quickly made up at home in the proportions of 1/2 lb. each of silver sand, soft soap and whitening to one pint of warm water.

Place the whitening (crushed), sand, and soap in an old saucepan or metal basin, add the warm water, and heat very slowly over moderate gas flame until the ingredients amalgamate to a creamy consistency—stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon.

Pour off into an earthenware jar and cover. Use the paste in small spoonfuls in the place of soap when scrubbing or for scouring coarser kitchen utensils or greasy pans. Thorough rinsing is advisable in order to remove all trace of silver sand.

The main causes of "yellowing" and bad colour in white wood are the use of very hot water and household soaps or soda. Moderately warm water is best, with a final rinsing with clear cold water, and thorough drying afterwards.



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Review Of Landing Party



Royal Naval Officers at the Review, last week, of a landing detachment from H.M. ships on China Station.

Fireman Poised On Buffers

BOY HELD WHILE TRUCKS PASSED

FORTY-SEVEN trucks laden with coal thundered along the railway line at Washington, Co. Durham. Suddenly the driver and fireman saw a tiny figure between the rails ahead.

It was a two-year-old boy playing among the sleepers heedless of the danger.

There was no time to stop the train. Shouting was of no use; the train was going at great speed.

Fireman George Steel acted, dashed out of the cabin, clambered on to the engine buffers. He caught the child in time, and pushed him down with his foot so that the engine and leading trucks passed safely over him.

DRIVER JUMPS

Meanwhile Driver Thomas Bartlett had reduced speed, at great personal risk; he jumped between the trucks and held the terrified boy close to the permanent way while the rest of the trucks went over their heads.

The child, shaken but unhurt, was sent home. Driver and fireman carried on with their job.

This was the story told by South Shields mayor, Councillor Charles Smith, when he presented N.S.P.C.C. diplomas to Bartlett and Steel.

Dance Bands' Ultimatum

BETTER B.B.C. TERMS
OR NO BROADCASTS

Paying To Go "On The Air"

Dance band leaders, at a meeting in London recently, decided to reject the B.B.C.'s new financial terms for broadcasting, and to intimate plainly that, unless these terms are amended, they will refuse to broadcast after January 1.

This decision, which was unanimous, was reached by the recently-formed Dance Band Leaders' Association. The meeting was attended by 72 members of the Association, representing all the best-known bands in the country, and many of the members had travelled long distances from the provinces. Mr. Jack Hylton presided.

According to one speaker, the B.B.C.'s proposals would mean that many bands would be "paying something for going on the air, instead of being paid something."

The terms offered by the B.B.C. for bands broadcasting from London studios were outlined by Mr. A. M. Wall, Hon. Secretary of the Association. They are:

40-50 minute session, £2 10s. in respect of each member of the band, plus £6 allowance towards orchestration;

55-65 minutes, £3 each, plus £7 orchestration allowance;

Outside broadcasts, two-thirds fee;

Empire broadcasts, 75 per cent. fee;

Provisional broadcasts, percentage to be decided.

BANDS' TERMS
On the other hand, the terms suggested by the Provisional Committee of the Association for a 60-minute broadcast are:

8 players, 40 guineas, 5 guineas each new orchestration.

12 players, 60 guineas, 6 guineas each new orchestration.

16 players, 80 guineas, 7 guineas each new orchestration.

20 players, 100 guineas, 8 guineas each new orchestration.

Mr. Wall pointed out that the B.B.C., under their new policy, intended to take action to enforce the terms of contracts. The method of enforcement would be in co-operation with the music publishers, who had pledged themselves not to supply free orchestration.

MEANS A FIGHT

Mr. Wall protested further against the arrangement for a monthly meeting between a committee of the B.B.C. and publishers' representatives, to decide what should be in the dance band programmes.

Mr. Jack Payne expressed the view that it was "going to mean a fight."

After a long discussion, during which every aspect of the dispute was reviewed, the Provisional Committee was instructed to request the B.B.C. to amend their offer regarding fees. The committee is to report to the Association before December 20.

to decide "whether bridge and poker were lawful games."

Mr. T. Springer (defending) intimated that he did not intend to call evidence. He submitted that Mr. Woolf had paid, on behalf of Mr. Freeman, sums won by other players at an unlawful game, and the money was, therefore, irrecoverable.

NERVESTRESS OF MODERN LIFE

Supposed Cause of Internal Ill
BODY CONTROL BY SMALL GLAND

The theory that the increased prevalence of duodenal ulcers in the modern world might be due to the greater nervous and mental strain under which we live was discussed by Professor E. Mellanby, secretary of the Medical Research Council, when he lectured at the Royal Institution, London, on "Chemical Messengers of the Body."

It had been suggested, Professor Mellanby stated, that there was some connection between the "posterior lobe" of the pituitary gland beneath the brain and such ulcers, and the theory about nervous strain would, he thought, bring "some kind of sense" into the suggested connection.

Professor Mellanby also referred to the "life saving" use of a particular extract from the pituitary in cases of hemorrhage after child-birth.

ACTIVE PITUITARY

In all, he mentioned eight different substances, all of which are known to be manufactured within the body by the pituitary gland, which controls such varied functions as growth and the production of sugar by the body. Although the functions of the pituitary were not normally of a life-and-death character, all these substances were now being used by doctors to carry out their specific functions, he added.

To illustrate the control of growth exercised by the pituitary, Professor Mellanby showed a photograph of a boy of 18 who stood 8 feet 4 inches and weighed 28 stone. In the photograph the boy's father, who, Professor Mellanby explained, was only an inch under six feet, could be seen stretched to his full height and still failing, by some four inches, to reach to his son's shoulder.

After an X-ray photograph had been taken to aid his doctor's diagnosis, the boy had picked up the photographer under his arm and walked out with him from the consulting room. This condition was due to over-activity of part of the pituitary.

"There is hardly a physiological function of the body," he stated, "which is not influenced, in one way or another, by one of the chemicals produced by the cells in this very small gland at the base of the brain."

Rose Without Thorns

Attica, New York, Dec. 28.
THE thornless rose, dream of flower lovers for centuries, has arrived.

It has been developed here from a single chance plant that "just happened to grow that way," according to an Attica horticulturist, Mr. Edward C. Stroh.

After working for three years to develop a thornless rose, he came upon a single plant quite free from thorns.

But how, why and when it became thornless Mr. Stroh cannot explain.

BRIDGE A GAME OF SKILL

Bridge is a game of skill; whether poker is to be regarded as such is questionable, declared Mr. Justice Macnaghten giving judgment in the King's Bench Division in an unsuccessful action to recover money lent to pay card debts.

"I always understood," he added, "that bluff is the monosyllabic quality useful in poker."

Sydney Alexander Woolf, proprietor of the Dorchester Bridge Club, Willesden Lane, N.W., sued Max Richard Gray Freeman, of Woodchurch Road, West Hampstead, for £52 10s. 2d., the balance of money lent and the cost of food supplied.

Alternatively he claimed £33 10s. as the amount of a dishonoured cheque given him by Freeman but drawn by another person and £10 9s. 2d., the balance of money lent and food supplied.

Judgment for Mr. Woolf for £4 0s. 2d. was entered, with no order as to costs.

"IRRECOVERABLE"

Mr. Charles Doughty, K.C., for Woolf, said the money was largely paid by Mr. Woolf to cover losses incurred by Freeman. It ruled an interesting question under the gaming Acts. The judge might have

Mother Kills To Avenge Her Daughter

Paris, Dec. 31.
HOW a man, his wife, and his step-daughter quarrelled as to which of them should murder a dentist to avenge the family honour was described by forty-year-old Mme. Praprian Sarasin to Examining Magistrate Bru at the Palace of Justice in Paris to-day.

Her confession ended a fifteen-hour investigation by Paris police into the death of Setark-Sassouni, forty-one-year-old dentist, found shot in his surgery in the Rue de Valenciennes.

Said Mme. Sarasin: "I killed Setark-Sassouni to avenge the honour of my family."

She said that last Sunday her nineteen-year-old daughter Anade revealed that two months ago when she went to Setark-Sassouni's surgery as a patient he drugged and assaulted her.

Anade's step-father threatened to commit suicide at first. He had been dishonoured. But nineteen-year-old Anade wanted to do the avenging with a revolver. She added: "Then I will shoot myself."

But her mother said: "No. Revenge is my duty."

LIVING MARSH PLANTS SWAMPS WHERE PREHISTORIC PLANTS SURVIVE

By A Special Correspondent

THE latest discoveries of living "prehistoric" plants by the Botanical and Zoological Institute of the Debrecen University in Hungary have caused a sensation in the scientific world.

Dr. Rezsó Soos, head of the institute, recently led an expedition to the marshy regions of Batorliget, near the Rumanian frontier, the fauna and flora of which have never been subject to close investigation.

Though the existence there of living marsh plants and animals was always suspected, it has now been definitely ascertained.

The same phenomena have been noted in certain altitudes of the Norwegian mountains.

Batorliget is believed, however, to be the only flat stretch of land in the world, surrounded by fields and villages, where owing to the swampy character of the ground, the damp climate, the lack of sunshine, and the continual mist, the flora and fauna have remained the same as some 10,000 years ago. Ten miles away from these swamps such flowers and animals could not exist.

In 1933 a canalisation scheme very nearly turned the swamps of Batorliget into ploughland, but lack of finance preserved these rare phenomena.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET HIGHER YESTERDAY

New York, Jan. 7. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets.—Trading to-day was the heaviest than for any day since the middle of November and gained new strength as the session progressed towards the close. The tape-machines were clogged with sales. Shorts covered on utilities. The market averaged new highs since 1933. Steels, rails, coppers, silvers and amusements were all tied up. The Bonds Market and the Curb Exchange were both higher.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning Comment: The motor strike is bound to have a decided effect on power, steel and rail shares. Profits per car are likely to be smaller this year than last year. Foreign news has had little effect on the market. The rally in auto-shares is largely due to short covering. Wall Street expects telephone expansion to continue this year. There is increased interest in rail equipments. Much of the recent switching into oil shares was due to the better statistical position.

S. C. & F. New York Office Cables: Stocks: Various issues to-day were aggressively bought, as traders turned bullish, anticipating an early settlement of the motor strike. The Bell Telephone System shows a gain in the number of stations for December of 93,000 as against 47,000 for December of last year.

Cotton: The Trade and foreign interests were active buyers. There is a slightly better feeling with regard to export possibilities. The sharp revival in the textile demand is attributed in some quarters to fear of labour troubles in the industry later. There have been some private forecasts of an increase in acreage.

Wheat: There has been a repetition of recent upward price factors, including strength on the foreign markets, reports that Europe are again buyers, firmer Argentine and Canadian markets, an increase in export offers and cold conditions in the Western Belt.

Corn: Receipts from the country are smaller. The present cold conditions are expected to stimulate cash demand.

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R. OHL,
Agent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1937.

Rubber: Rumours of an early important development in the motor strike are reflected in the action of General Motors stock. The shortage of shipping facilities in the Far East is a growing factor on this market. It is reported that Malaya has been invited to apply for additional export credits this quarter, which will be deductible next quarter. The Six Months' Plan has now apparently been discarded.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:
Jan. 6, Jan. 7.
30 Industrials 178.02 181.77
20 Rails 53.84 54.60
20 Utilities 35.44 36.40
40 Bonds 105.03 105.50
11 Commodity Ind. 79.55 80.14



George O'Brien, Heather Angel and Ralph Forbes in a scene from "Daniel Boone," which comes to the Alhambra Theatre on Sunday.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London on January 7. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	Last	Today's
3 1/2% redm. after 1952 (War Loan)	105 1/2	105 1/4
4 1/2% redm. 1908 (Gift)	102	102
4 1/2% Gold Bonds 1925-47	101 1/2	101 1/4
4 1/2% Loan 1908	100	100
4 1/2% Loan 1912	83	82 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1918	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1920	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1922	84 1/2	84 1/2
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4 1/2% Loan 1940	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1942	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1944	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1946	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1948	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1950	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1952	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1954	84 1/2	84 1/2
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4 1/2% Loan 1958	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1960	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1962	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1964	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1966	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1968	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1970	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1972	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1974	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1976	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1978	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1980	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1982	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1984	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1986	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1988	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1990	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1992	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1994	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1996	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1998	84 1/2	84 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 2000	84 1/2	84 1/2

WHAMPOA PORT DEFINITE PLAN APPROVED AND FUNDS AWAITED

Mr. Liu Wei-chi, the Construction Commissioner of the Kwangtung Government, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai by the liner Conte Verde after having visited Marshal Chiang Kai-shek with regard to the construction and development works which are taking place and planned for Kwangtung.

Marshal Chiang gave instructions for future developments, said Mr. Liu, but these could not be divulged as yet. He himself would return to Nanjing for the 3rd Plenary Session of the Kuomintang in February to report further.

A definite plan for the proposed deep-sea port at Whampoa has been adopted by the Nanking Government, said Mr. Liu.

The Reconstruction Commissioner, in an interview with a Press representative, added that they had consulted the Government with regard to the Whampoa project, and the plan which was taking back to Kwangtung was one which had had the unanimous approval of all parties, including the Generalissimo, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. The only thing holding up the scheme is lack of sufficient funds, but the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Tseng Yang-po, had been left behind to raise the very large sum that would be needed. A start on construction of the new port would be made immediately he came back with the funds.

Mr. Liu said that the first stage would be construction of wharves, this being followed by dredging of the channel.

The Cost

In another statement just before he sailed on the s.s. Sai On last night, Mr. Liu said that the sum required for the first part of the harbour project was in the region of \$10,000,000. This is to be provided by funds from the Kwangtung Provincial Treasury supplemented by a loan from the Ministry of Communications.

Facilities under the scheme were to be provided by a quay wall of sufficient extent to berth six or seven steamers at one time, the harbour being dredged to a sufficient depth for going vessels of 8,000 tons and more.

Concurrently with the harbour construction, the extension railway line to connect Whampoa with the Hankow-Canton Railway would be undertaken, and there were to be godowns and warehouses in sufficient numbers for merchandise brought by both railways and steamers.

The Reconstruction Commissioner confirmed a previous report that three foreign concerns were bidding for the work, these being Dutch, British and Japanese respectively.

He indicated that the Dutch Company were specialists in this class of work, had the best chance of succeeding.

Amongst other officials accompanying the Reconstruction Commissioner were Generals Cheung Mui-san, Wong Yam-wang, Wong Yin-ching, Li Ching-kau and Chang Tai, returning from an inspection tour of Central China undertaken in the cause of national co-ordination of military defences. They report that they had also inspected the Suiyuan military situation, and would have made a surprise extensive tour of the war-torn zone, but for its being cut short by the Sianfu revolt. Others of the military contingent were returning on the Empress of Russia, which also arrived here yesterday.

The party with the Reconstruction Commissioner returned to Canton last night.

A Change Of Plan

The Whampoa extension of the Canton-Hankow Railway which has been under construction since November last will terminate at Yu Chu (outside Canton) where some are situated) instead of at Whampoa, says the Canton Daily Sun.

The removal of the Mohammedan Cemetery, which is necessary for the construction of the extension, has brought protests from the Mohammedan Association and the Pacific Union Office of Kwangtung.

Mr. Liu Pao-shih, chief engineer for construction, is now proceeding to Nanjing to consult the Railways Ministry on the removal of the Mohammedans' Cemetery.

BIG ITALIAN DEFICIT

Rome, Jan. 7. It is officially announced that the 1935-36 Budget has closed with a deficit of 1,550,000,000 lire, compared to an estimated deficit of 1,007,000,000 lire, but this figure does not include the cost of the Ethiopian war—

Reuter Bulletin Service.

CORRESPONDENCE

Who Is General Astray?

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I have read in the Hongkong Telegraph of January 5 the following item:

"What's in a name?—I see, by the way, that he (Francis) has just appointed a new Minister of Propaganda in his Burgos Government. Believe it or not, the new Minister's name is General Astray."

Should the author of these lines know who Millan Astray is, he would not have written such a thing. For General Astray is one of the most conspicuous and well-deserving officers of the Spanish Army. He has a brilliant military career. During the war in Morocco he was wounded four times: in the third one Astray lost his left arm and in the fourth the right eye.

Nor is it the first time he undertakes the work of Propaganda. In the year 1920 he was invited by the Spanish colonies of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay and in the following year by those of the United States, Cuba and Mexico to give lectures, with great success. Recently, broadcasting from Salamanca, he said to the soldiers fighting in the sector of Madrid:

"Because you are requetes (young men of the Carlist Party) you are good Christians, good soldiers and gentlemen. Nothing will be more severely punished than acts of cruelty and plunder. When you enter Madrid, you must be valiant, but at the same time humanitarian and upright."

A man of such feelings deserves, I think, more respect on behalf of a journalist.

M. SANCHEZ.

GERMANY AND ITALY OPPOSE INTERVENTION

(Continued from Page 1.)

sequences of failure to bring to a rapid end help in the form of men and technicians which is being given from outside to both sides in the Spanish Civil War. The Foreign Secretary said the German Charge d'Affaires to-day and impressed upon him the importance which His Majesty's Government attaches to "volunteers" question. Commentators in the press draw attention to the suggestion, which has appeared in some quarters abroad, that the recent joint British and Italian declaration on Mediterranean policy implied some modification of the British attitude to the Spanish conflict, and give authoritative denial to this deduction for which there is no justification. British policy regarding the tragic civil war in Spain has not changed since the Government joined with France in the initiative to secure non-intervention for a reason which still remains urgent, namely, prevention of the internal disturbance from enlarging and spreading so as to endanger world peace.

Foreign support which is being given to one side or the other in Spain appears to observers in London to be founded on the delusion that whichever party secures temporary military triumph will necessarily constitute the ultimate government of Spain. It is considered here that neither the known facts of the Spanish situation nor the lessons of history confirm this idea. The attitude of the British Government was, and is, that expressed by Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons on December 18, where he said the Government he would like to see in Spain was the Government that Spain wanted.

The next meeting of the Chairman's Sub-Committee of the Non-Intervention Committee has been fixed provisionally for Tuesday, when it will consider the reports of experts on the technical aspects of indirect intervention and recruitment of foreign nationals for the forces in Spain.—British Wireless.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 15, 1916.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 11.5/16d.

Wor. Bro. S. Bell Smith was installed as Master of the Star of Southern China Lodge of Freemasons at Shamen.

Mr. John Wilkie established himself as an importer and exporter under the firm name of John Wilkie and Company.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation declared a final dividend of 22 3s. per share and a bonus of 5s.

BALDWIN TO SEE KING

London, Jan. 7. The Prime Minister, who returned to-day to Downing Street from Worcester, where he spent the Christmas holidays, will go to Sandringham on Saturday to visit the King and will remain there over the week-end.—British Wireless.

POST OFFICE.

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES.

Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

As from January 4, 1937 new Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Applications may be made:—
(a) personally.
(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed cheque payable to Hongkong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office. In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

POSTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public are reminded that the postage on Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples and Small Packets must be fully prepaid. Insufficiently prepaid Printed Papers etc. are not forwarded.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so subscribed.

INWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Saloon	Jean Laborde	January 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	January 8.
Australia and Manila	Taipei	January 8.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 13th Dec.)	Taiyo Maru	January 8.
Japan	Kidderpore	January 9.
Haiphong	G.C. Paul Doumer	January 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, date, 21st December)	Tango Maru	January 10.
Straits	Titan	January 10.
Straits	Diomed	January 11.
Japan	Tottori Maru	January 11.
Shanghai	Chenonceaux	January 12.
Straits	Cremer	January 12.
Shanghai	Hector	January 12.
Manila	Nako Maru	January 12.
Manila	Potsdam	January 12.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" (London, date, 2nd January)	R.M.A. Dorado	January 12.
Amoy	Talma	January 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	January 15.
Straits	Haruna Maru	January 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 24th Dec.)	Chichibu Maru	January 16.
Japan	Durban Maru	January 16.
Canton and Straits	Kwangtung	January 16.
Java and Manila	Tjisondari	January 16.
Straits and Manila	Agamemnon	January 17.
Straits	Lyons Maru	January 18.
Straits	Hakodate Maru	January 19.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 19.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Jan. 8, 2 p
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p
Manila	Benedi	Fri., Jan. 8, 3.30 p
Saturday		
Letters for "K.L.M. Service" (Due Amsterdam, 18th January).	Rajputana	Sat., Jan. 9.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 8.30 a
	Letters,	Jan. 9, 10 a
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S.	Rajputana	Sat., Jan. 9.
Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 6th February).	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Jan. 9.
	Parcels,	Jan. 8, 5 p
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 8.45 a
	Letters,	Jan. 9, 10.30 a
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. plane	Sat., Jan. 9.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 9.30 a
	Letters,	Jan. 9, 12.30 p
Holhow, Pakhoi and "Halphong"	Kingyuan	Sat., Jan. 9, 1 p
Letters for Guam, Honolulu and	Haitian	Sat., Jan. 9.
U.S.A., by "Pan American Air- ways Service"—due San Francisco, 19th January.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Jan. 9.
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 2 p
	Letters,	Jan. 9, 2.30 p
Manila	Haitian	Sat., Jan. 9, 3 p
Amoy	Kwangtung	Sat., Jan. 9, 3.30 p
Japan	Tjikarang	Sat., Jan. 9, 4 p
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Sat., Jan. 9.
Parcels,	Jan. 9, 4 p.m.	Letters,
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, C.N.A.C. plane		Jan. 9, 5 p
Foochow and North China (via Shanghai).	Sheungwan P.O.	Sat., Jan. 9.
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p
	Letters,	Jan. 9, 7 p
Kowloon P.O.		
Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p.m.	Reg.,
Letters,	Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.	Jan. 10, 5 a
		Letters,
		Jan. 10, 5 a

LOCAL WEDDINGS

MISS P. I. MURROW AND
LT. R. H. S. CLARK

The stately interior of St. John's Cathedral made a perfect setting for the charming wedding ceremony at the marriage of Miss Peggy Isabel Murrow and Lt. Ronald Harrison Senior Clark, R.N., of H.M.S. Medway, which was solemnised yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. H. W. Barnes and Rev. W. G. Parker, of H.M.S. Medway, officiated at the ceremony, which took place at 2.30 p.m.

The bride is the youngest child of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. H. L. Murrow, whilst the bridegroom is the only son of Surgeon Captain and Mrs. A. B. Clark, of Nottingham, England.

The bride, who was given away by her father, set off her fair complexion by a gown of silver lace cut on a graceful line. A long train fell from the waist, the long sleeves fell in points over the wrists, and the bodice, which was cut square, was gathered into a narrow clasp of diamonds. Her long tulle veil, threaded and embroidered with silver, was held in place by a coronet of ivory and pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of shaded mauve, pink and white sweet peas.

Miss Eve Ann Hayter, as bridesmaid, wore a Medieval styled gown of pale pink tulle. Little Master Anthony Darrell Bishop was page-boy and wore a sailor suit.

Lt. A. W. Stewart, R.N., was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held on H.M.S. Medway. Among the many guests present were Captain and Mrs. Collett, Captain and Mrs. Dwyer, Commander and Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Hale, Mr. W. E. Hamilton, Mr. Erik Nelson, Captain and Mrs. Maurice Jones, Major and Mrs. Eccles, Major G.W.V. Hoskyn, Captain and Mrs. Leck, Comte and Comtesse de Courcelles, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Graves, Lt. Comdr. and

Mrs. E. H. Tilden, Major and Mrs. Garrard, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R.C.S. Garwood, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R. N. Garnett, Miss D. Dwyer, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R.N. Stirling Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack and Lt. Comdr. Woodhall.

The bride travelled in a dress of Russian-blue honeycomb cloth with braided front set off with a little putty-boy hat of brown. A fur cape, the gift of the bridegroom, was also worn. Repulse Bay and Manila have been chosen for the honeymoon.

Mr. W. Shewann and Miss C. Angus

A white tulle cloak gown from Marshall and Snelgrove, London, and white and pan-velvet hat were worn by Miss Christina Helen Angus for her wedding, yesterday afternoon, to Mr. William Wylie Clark Shewann, an architect with the Public Works Department.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow at the Union Church, Kennedy Road.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. P. Angus and the late Mr. P. Angus, of Hongkong, whilst the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. G. Shewann of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. G. I. Angus, looked charming in her white tulle cloak gown and carried a bouquet of red sweet-peas and white heather.

Silver Tulle

The bridesmaid was Miss Winifred Lawson, whose tulle gown was of a delicate rose pink shade. She carried a sheaf of silver tulle.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Mr. N. K. Littlejohn, Mr. Longyear was at the organ.

The reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel. The bride's mother, Mrs. Angus, received the guests in a navy blue lace gown trimmed with grey fur, set off with a navy blue pan-velvet hat. On leaving for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Fanning, Mrs. Shewann wore a navy blue dress with fur coat—a gift from the bridegroom. The bride's mother's dress, the bridesmaid's dress and the bride's going-away ensemble were by Paul Bennett et Cie.



Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy in "Libeled Lady", showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

CINEMA
NOTES

A dramatic story of a mother placed in the position of turning her wayward son over to the police for murder, or letting die an innocent youth charged with the crime, is told when Mary Boland appears in "A Son Comes Home," her first dramatic role on the screen, which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. In a plot charged with high-powered drama and filled with tense moments, Miss Boland completely subdues the sparkling mood with which she has been associated and steps out as an actress with emotional power, bringing to the character all of the dramatic talent she displayed when one of the prominent leading women of the New York stage. Miss Boland heads a capable cast of players with Donald Woods giving a splendid performance as the innocent youth, Julie Haydon makes her first screen appearance since "The Scoundrel" and is delightful.

"Libeled Lady"

This zippy, smartly contrived, capably acted, elaborately mounted comedy is showing to-day at the King's Theatre. Combining the best values of farce and humor, dialogue, action and situation provoking the fun, the story moves at speed pace. In the principal roles Jean Harlow is characteristically hard-boiled, William Powell is suavely polished even though one situation tosses him into a writer of ridiculous comedy. Myrna Loy is smartly regal, and Spencer Tracy excitedly flustered. With something to amuse happening in almost every sequence, the motivation is unique. Editor Tracy leaves Jean Harlow, prospective bride, waiting at the church to rush down to his paper to find why it printed a spurious story about Myrna Loy, millionaire, for which the owner, Charley Grapewin, has been plastered with a \$5,000,000 libel suit. Something must be done quickly. Tracy does it first by searching all over the world for Powell, expert suit quasher, then finding him on his own door-step, and marrying him to the amazed Miss Harlow. hilarity marking the action and dialogue of

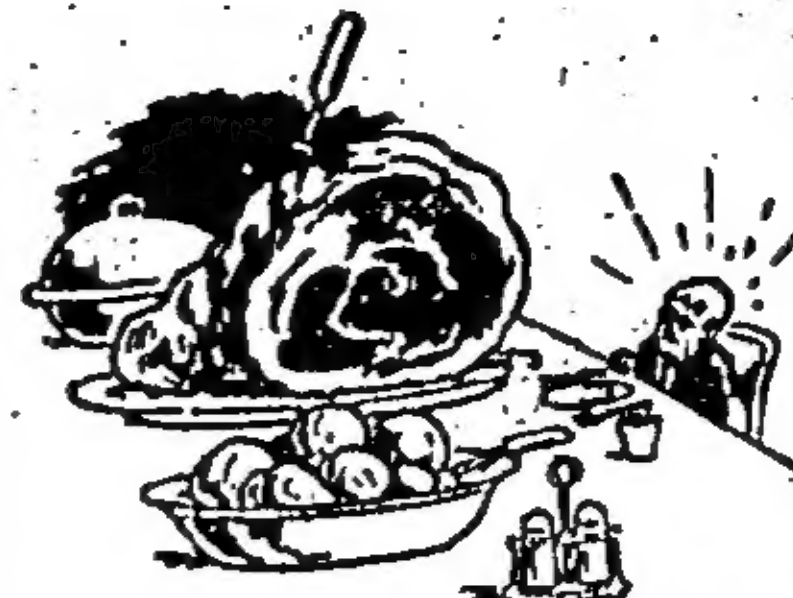
the bride, who doesn't want to live in the same house with her husband, Powell eventually takes off for Europe. There, by playing up to Miss Loy's father, he worms himself into their good graces. Following a wildly frantic fishing episode, Powell falls in love with Miss Loy. Things get a little complicated but none the less amusing until Powell demonstrates that his marriage to Harlow wasn't legal. The finale clarifies things satisfactorily for Powell and Miss Loy, the suit is called off and Tracy has nothing to do but marry the girl who has waited so long.

"Sworn Enemy"

Teeming with flesh-and-blood characters from all walks of life, swept up from the city streets into a cauldron of dramatic circumstance—this is "Sworn Enemy," a story of metropolitan crime operations, opening to-day at the Majestic Theatre. Heading the cast are Robert Young as a son of the city slums endeavoring to go straight in a law career until the gang with whom he was raised kills his brother, Florence Rice as a surgeon's daughter who proves the best detective on the special force, Joseph Calleja as the sinister Joe Emerald, crippled overlord of the racketeers, sports lover and perverse philanthropist, a killer unknown even to his own lieutenants, Lewis Stone as Dr. Gattle, distinguished surgeon who spends twelve years in the penitentiary on a charge "framed" by Emerald, Nat Pendleton as Steamer Krupp, a great-hearted, child-minded seafighter, and a pivotal character in the movie. The plot depicts the struggle of a poor boy trying to go straight until his brother and employer are killed by the men with whom he was raised; then follows his demoniac lust for revenge.

"Girls' Dormitory"

"Girls' Dormitory," the dramatic revelation of estate first love, which opens at the Star Theatre on Sunday, introduces to the screen the most important star discovery of recent years in the delightful person of Simone Simon. Starred with such screen celebrities as Herbert Marshall and Ruth Chatterton, the petite Simone presents an inspired performance, that stamps her one of the most important personalities ever to reach the screen. After careful consideration by studio executives it was decided that "Girls' Dormitory" was the perfect picture on which to introduce her to the American screen. Constance Collier, J. Edward Bromberg, Dixie Dunbar, John Qualen and Shirley Deane are also featured in



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Several wedding groups will appear, and amongst other pictures will be one of surviving Chinese scholars in Hongkong who won merit under the old Manchu examinations, and another of a dinner to mark the first Christmas tour to Hongkong by the Philippines Travel Bureau. There will also be a portrait of the late Mr. George H. Potts.

The Supplement will contain results of last week's Children's Competition with details of a new contest for the kiddies.

"Girls' Dormitory," which was directed by Irving Cummings.

"Special Investigator." Fierce conflict between a girl's loyalty to her gangster brother and her love for a man sworn to stamp him out, provides an exciting, suspenseful romance between Margaret Callahan and Richard Dix in the latter's new picture, "Special Investigator," now at the Central Theatre. The picture was adapted from "Fugitive Gold" Eric Stanley Gardner's serial. Its production was under the guidance of Cliff Reid. Louis King directed. Owen Davis, Jr. prominent young stage actor who made his screen debut in the romantic lead of "Murder on a Bridal Path" portrays Dix's brother, Erik Rhodes. Sheila Terry, Joe Sawyer, J. Carroll Nash, Russell Hicks, Ray Mayer, J. M. Kerrigan, and Cy Jenks have important roles.

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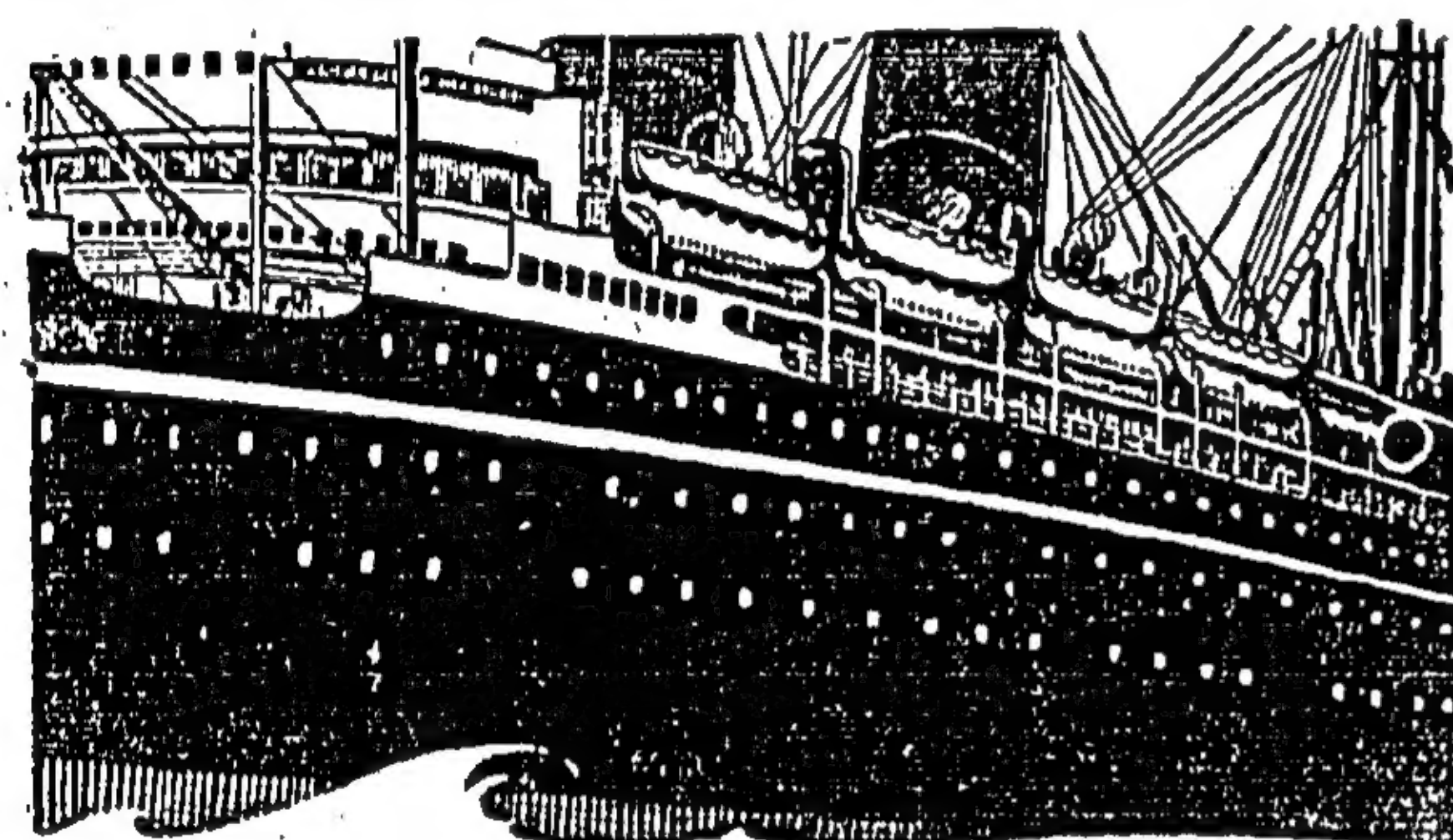
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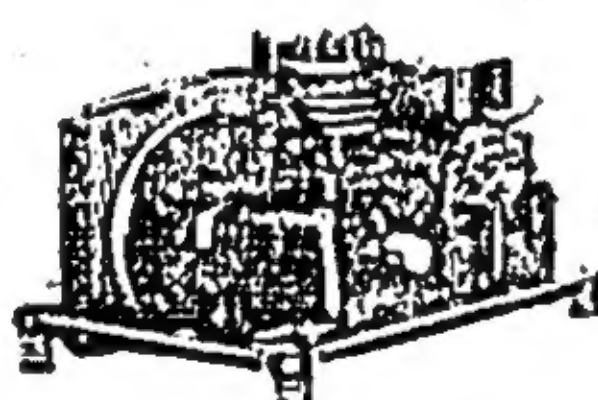
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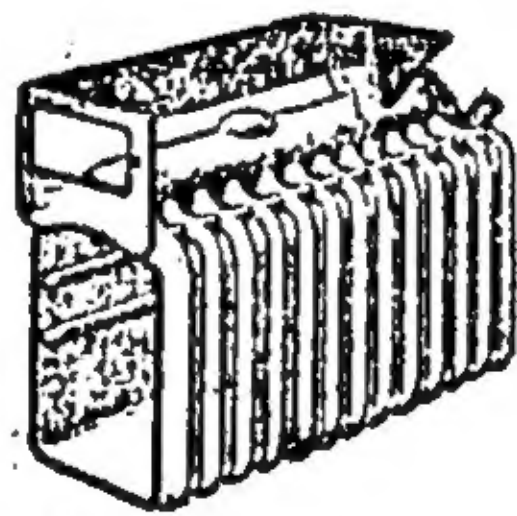
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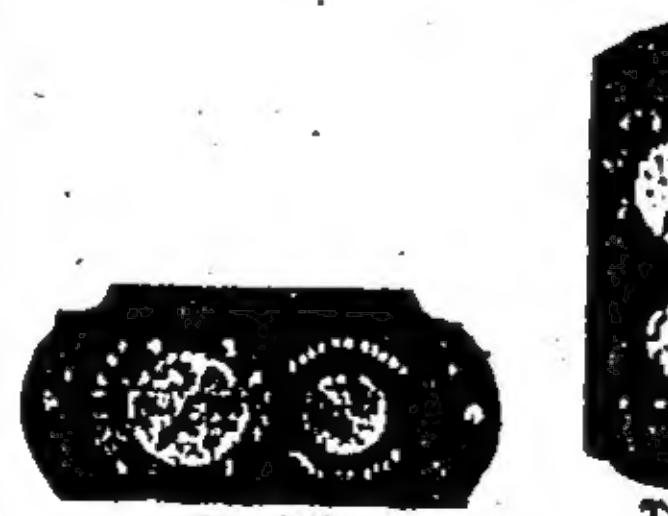
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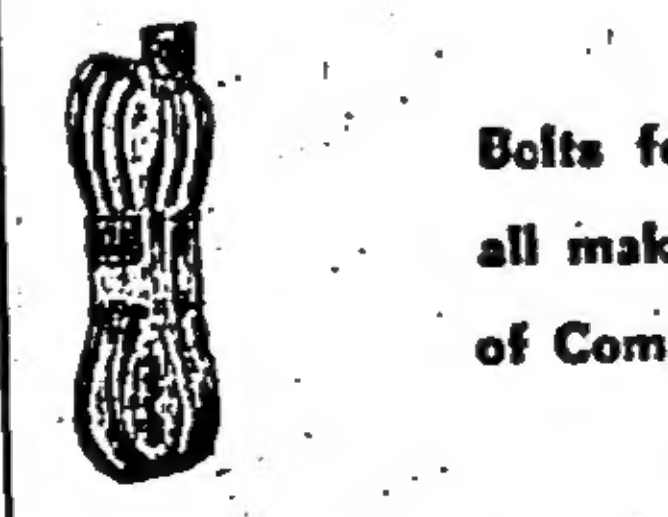
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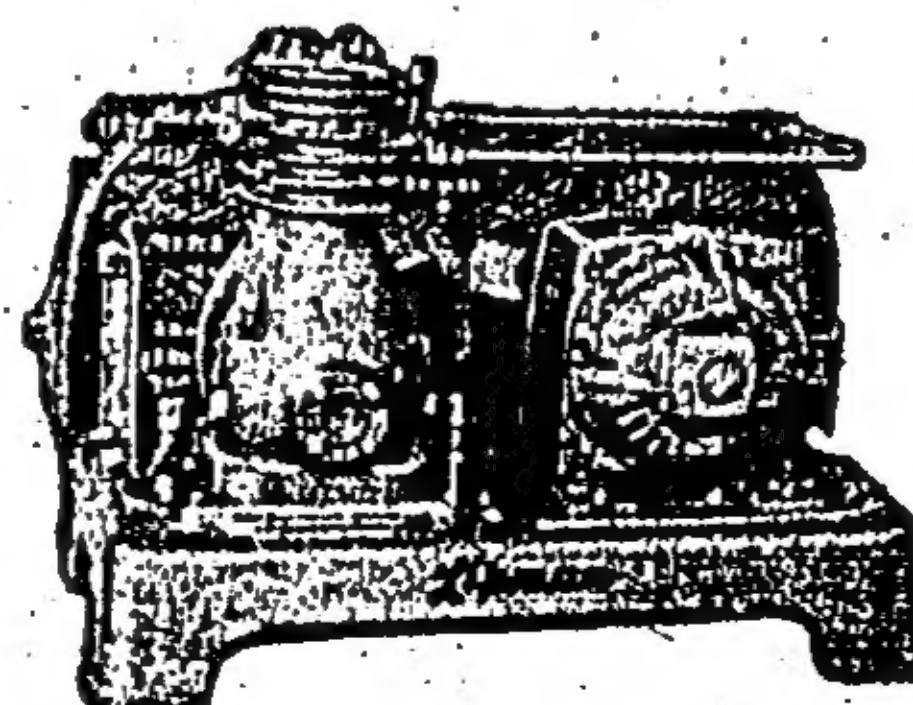
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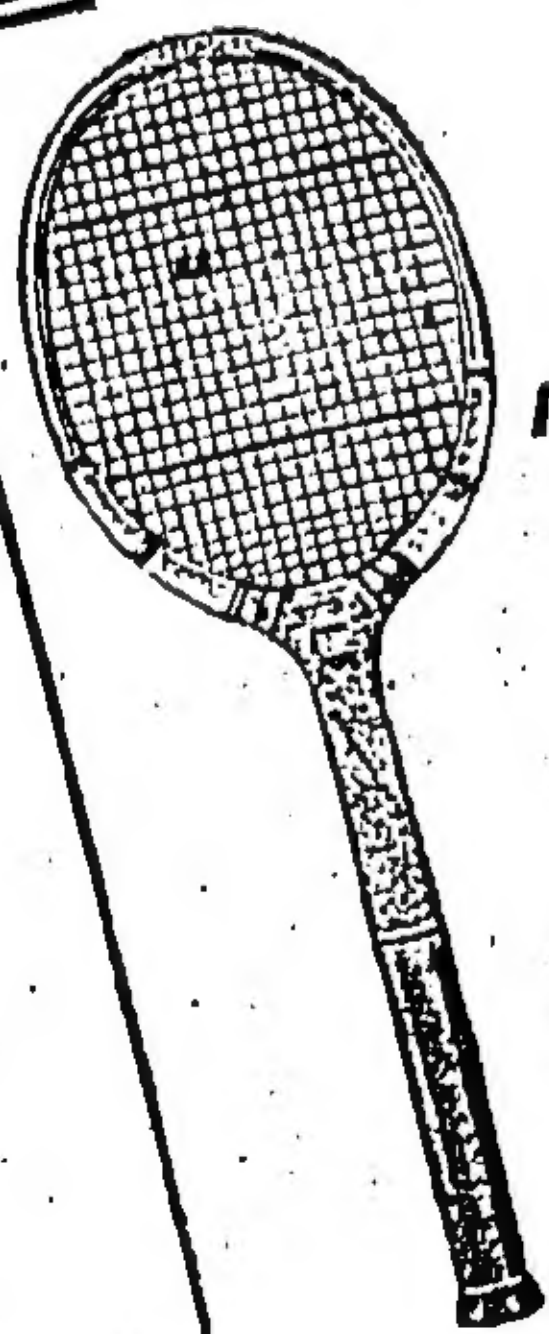
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NAVAL RESERVE STRENGTH

In the defence discussions which have been taking place at Home recently, attention has been drawn to the necessity of further regard being paid to the Royal Naval Reserve and to the manning of the Merchant Navy. Figures show that the Reserve, a force of professional seamen drawn from the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets, now has an authorised establishment of about 7,000, which is a decline of some 12,000 compared with the strength in 1914. It is pointed out that in the event of any future hostilities at sea, hundreds of auxiliary vessels from the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleets would still be required for naval purposes. These would include armed merchant cruisers, escort ships, armed boarding steamers, mine-sweepers, trawlers for patrol purposes, drifters, tugs, yachts, motor craft, and many others. Obviously the Navy could not hope to man this concourse of vessels with its own resources, nor could the R.N.R. with its present slender establishment. A naval correspondent states that the R.N.V.R. might lend a hand; but the 14,500 men of the Royal Fleet Reserve, seamen or stokers who have served in the Navy on short or special engagements, would probably be required for the first-line fighting ships. Moreover, not all the 25,500 pensioners under the age of fifty-five and still available for service, would be suitable for seagoing vessels. It is clear that in the event of any future national emergency the Merchant Navy would be called upon to provide a substantial quota of men for naval service. The fact remains, however, that not even the R.N.R. could be called out without immobilising many merchant ships. The Merchant Navy literally has no men to spare. The Dominions and some of the Colonies, Hongkong amongst the number, have Naval Reserves in one form or another, but they could never be expected to supply more than a small fraction of the seamen who would be required in war. So far as the Merchant Navy is concerned, a correspondent emphasises that it is a national service as well as an industry, and its strength and efficiency is every bit as important as the strength of the Navy which protects it. Without it, the Mother Country would starve, its essential industries be forced to

In the Steps of ST. PAUL



THIS FINE DRAWING FORMS THE COVER DESIGN OF H. V. MORTON'S NEW BOOK.

WHILE Boadicea was giving the young Imperial colony of Britain the scare of its life, an ageing missionary was preaching a new and revolutionary belief to a few fervent followers in the cellars of Rome.

For over thirty years he had tramped and sometimes ridden the highways of what we now call the Near East, taking ship now and again, journeying ways farther and farther afield, suffering wreck and imprisonment and mockery and sickness for the faith that was in him.

A fiercely enduring figure, he had never ceased to exhort the brethren and to carry a startling and perplexing sense of sin to an indifferent world. And now, having fought a good fight, he was finishing his course. Saul of Tarsus, to be known thereafter as St. Paul.

He knew, as the first world-historian has said, that he had found the Nazarenes with a spirit and a hope, and that he was leaving them Christians with the beginning of a creed. But he could not know that the religion which owed its organising genius to him more than to any other man would persist for century after century, permeating the world, inspiring love and hate, devotion and intolerance, persecution

—To-day's Thought—
I'll put a girld round the earth.
—PUCK.

and martyrdom, beauty and ugliness, life and death, peace and war.

Some eighteen hundred and seventy years later an Englishman stood in the office of a Turkish frontier station and answered the questions of a highly suspicious police official who wanted to know what he was doing there.

"I have come to see Tarsus," he said. The official wanted to know why. "Because I am writing a book about St. Paul," he answered, shattering the Turk's morale. The book which he wrote is published to-day—*In the Steps of St. Paul*, by H. V. Morton (Rich and Cowan, 7s. 6d.).

"H. V. M." is the first author who has followed the great missionary through all his recorded journeyings. It took him two years, and he covered over ten thousand miles, so that he might evoke in imagination the world of *The Acts of the Apostles* and contrast the cities of St. Paul's time with their state to-day.

His story appears as a companion volume to *In the Steps of the Master*, the wisdom of whose appeal, incidentally, may be measured by the fact that

over a quarter of a million copies have been sold within two years.

From the very first paragraphs of the book you are made pleasantly aware of that talent for creating atmosphere which makes "H. V. M." such a friendly guide.

"I went on deck before sunrise. The storm had backed to the north-west, the sky was clear and the ship rolled in a long, sullen swell. I hoped to see the pin-prick of the lighthouse on Mount Carmel, but we were still too far from land."

"St. Paul must have known this moment: the grey light, the last star, the cold wind, the fusty cargo, the smell of beasts and tar, the smooth pressing forward and the rhythmic hiss of water running back along the sides of the ship. It was good to stand on deck, thinking that this might be the *Castor and Pollux*."

"After all, the Mediterranean coast has not changed much since Roman times. These ships still carry corn from Egypt and leave Cyprus in summer, heavy with pomegranates, the fruit of Aphrodite. As they pass slowly south from Alexandria, which is now the port of Antioch, they stir old memories, and the ghosts of Tyre and Sidon beckon vainly as they pass."

Jerusalem ... Damascus ...

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Antioch ... Iconium ... Mitylene ... Philippi ... Athens ... Corinth ... Ephesus ... Malta ... Rome. The traveller's sensitive and sympathetic eye selects the significant feature in the passing landscape—lizard-haunted ruins, thriving capitals, vast, weed-covered quays, busy bazaars, forgotten temples and remembered plains.

Although the motor-car and the railway inevitably facilitated "H. V. M.'s" pilgrimage, the Apostle had two great advantages over a twentieth-century wayfarer in the Near East. He journeyed always by an Imperial route—and he could be understood in one tongue, Greek, everywhere.

"What was to St. Paul a progress along the best-known roads of the Roman Empire, becomes, to the modern traveller, a series of explorations from the beaten track. The harbour of Antioch is desolate, and Ephesus is a nesting-place for the stork."

But the author's perseverance brought him—and his readers—a rich harvest not only in unusual, and occasionally trying, experiences, but in provoking and cautionary glimpses of the "glories" of the past.

Antioch, for example. When St. Paul visited it the city was the third largest in the world. The main street was four and a half miles long, with a central passage for horse traffic and chariots and two covered colonnades for pedestrians.

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"Something that we associate with Venice in the eighteenth century, with Paris in the nineteenth century and with Hollywood to-day, with its delirium of youth and beauty, distinguished Antioch then. It was up to date, amusing, elegant and wicked, and its epigrams could go a long way to make or mar a reputation."

In these pages it is easy for us to imagine what St. Paul must have met in such a scene—the fury of the Pharisees, the zeal of the new believers, the tolerance of the sophisticated Greeks and Romans to whom he was merely the latest of "those wandering god-makers." That, to me, is the outstanding virtue of this book—the apparently artless fashion in which the writer calls up the past and, by quiet suggestion, urges us to reflect on the significance of those fallen civilisations to our own.

But, apart from that, there is the continual entertainment of a mind always ready to respond to the unexpectedness of things, to see the humorous side of an awkward situation and, above all, to sense the character of men and women from Saul of Tarsus to the Arab mother who handed "H. V. M." her swaddled child to hold.

That is why we should all, whatever our creed or faith, follow him. *In the Steps of St. Paul.*

Learn Another Language

DURING the past few weeks I have been lamenting the fact that the good intentions I formed about this time last year were not carried out. I resolved then to learn Spanish, provided myself with the necessary elementary books, and might have been heard on the deck of a Liberton car any morning or evening in August and September muttering strange sounds. Had I persevered I should now be able to follow on the wireless accounts of the Spanish civil war.

The year before I learned some Italian, which, improved by attendance at the Continuation Classes in the Royal High School and by listening to the lessons broadcast from Rome, enabled me to get the gist of Italian news bulletins during the Abyssinian war.

The learning of a new language for general reading and conversational purposes is not nearly so difficult as most people suppose. Once one has acquired the pronunciation and the elements of grammar, progress depends on regular, hard work.

In my opinion, unless one happens to be an expert linguist and phonetician, it is quite impossible to acquire a reasonably correct pronunciation from books. My advice is to take the elementary language class at the Royal High School, and will you take a chance to master the pronunciation as illustrated by expert teachers, but you will soon learn enough grammar and vocabulary to read simple books and portions of foreign newspapers, a number of which are on sale in Edinburgh.

Be Thorough

Whatever you do, learn every word, phrase, and rule thoroughly, as a careless habit, once formed, is hard to eradicate. Foreigners are much more polite than we are, but they must laugh inwardly when they hear us talking like children of two. Keep a notebook of words and refer to it often, and don't forget that gender is important.

As I have said, I find the trainer an excellent place in which to rehearse what I think I have learned at home. In my own case, I spend an average of five hours a week travelling, to and from the office—enough time in itself, if employed throughout the year, to learn the fourth part of a language.

Don't be afraid of dipping into a novel written in the language you are studying. You will find it beyond your complete comprehension at first, but with the aid of a dictionary you will be able to read and enjoy a surprising number of pages. Be wary of assuming that because a word is spelt like an English one it carries the same meaning. When you have translated a paragraph or chapter to your satisfaction, write it down in English, close the book, and put your translation back into

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Special to "Telegraph"

FOR two months Hongkong has been exercising the anti-aircraft defences of its garrison—the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force participating.

Since mid-November, war stations have been manned by certain sections of Hongkong's defence forces for manoeuvres, just ended, which have systematically tested our defences against air attack.

By courtesy of the Army and Royal Air Force authorities, Hongkong "Telegraph" reporters and photographers have been afforded generous facilities for witnessing these operations.

The initial part of the manoeuvres, which concluded in mid-December, included almost daily attacks upon strategic parts of the Colony by Royal Air Force machines.

No attempt was made to "repel" the invaders by aerial defence, the manoeuvres being for the purpose of testing anti-aircraft defences on the ground.

For this purpose, stations were taken up by the Army's A. A. section around, and included the manning of searchlights and mobile anti-aircraft guns.

"Telegraph" representatives participated in several of these tests.

In the first instance, (written a "Telegraph" representative who witnessed the manoeuvres) I was allowed access to an anti-aircraft practice camp on the Stanley Peninsula, where six A.A. guns, and an equal number of searchlights, were mounted. This position is only one of many scattered throughout the Colony. Due to the limitations imposed by the Treaty of Washington (the Naval clauses of which, however, expired on December 31) they were only temporary positions, the gas and searchlights being mobile.

Each night, invading Royal Air Force planes flew over the positions, at heights varying from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.

In order to test the accuracy of the defences, "live" shells were used by the gun crews. Safety of the pilots in the machines was maintained by setting the time-fuse in the shells in such a manner that the shells exploded approximately 1,000 feet below the planes.

To the onlookers below, however, it was a fascinating sight. At 4,000 feet, the sickly-red shell bursts appeared to be exploding all around the planes.

24 FOR EACH SHELL

In order to conserve ammunition (it costs £4 each time a gun is fired) a slow rate of fire was maintained by the gunners. Nevertheless, at the one position alone, something like 20 shells were fired each minute while the "enemy" planes hovered overhead. This was repeated in several strategic positions throughout the Colony.

I was informed by a military officer that, with the modern anti-aircraft weapons now available in Hongkong, it is possible to lay a veritable barrage around hostile planes. Hongkong is ideally situated for anti-aircraft defence, owing to the numerous high mountains surrounding strategic points.

Through the courtesy of Royal Air Force authorities, I was also able to participate in the actual "attacks" on Hongkong. By permission of the authorities, I made two flights in R.A.F. machines over the Colony, one by night and the second by day. Each flight lasted three hours, during which we flew a distance roughly equal to that between Hongkong and Manila.

TAKE-OFF FROM KAI TAK

On the first flight we—an R.A.F. pilot and myself—took off from the Kai Tak Base at 6.15 p.m. and rapidly gained height, flew out of sight of the Colony towards Macao.

At a prearranged time, we commenced our "attack" on the Colony. Searchlights picked us up almost immediately, and from then, until the time we landed, we were never out of range of those blinding streaks of light, unless we were outside Colony waters. Several times we left the Colony and travelled far out to sea, to attempt an "attack" from a new direction. But each time we returned we were picked up by the searchlights first by one and then by several others. Far away, in other parts of Hongkong, we saw other searchlights holding steadfast to small, white objects which were other R.A.F. "attackers."

To obviate the risk of collision, "attackers" flew at various heights.

We were at the ceiling—8,000 feet—and in mid-December it was bitterly cold, even in the snug, fur-lined overalls provided by the R.A.F.

DAYTIME FLIGHT

On the following day, the flight took place between 9 and 11 a.m. From our height we could see the whole of Hongkong, and in the distance Macao appeared as a small dot.

The day-time flight was for the purpose of testing range-finders and other instruments, and for two hours we flew steadily over gun-emplacements—many of them so cunningly hidden that they were invisible to us.

Both flights were unique, inasmuch as the "Telegraph" is the first newspaper to receive permission from the authorities for members of its staff to make flights over Hongkong's defences.

What newspapermen saw, both on the ground and from the air, is a revelation of the thoroughness of local defence measures, which have been placed on as reassuring footing as has been possible within the limitations imposed by the Washington Treaty.

CONTINUED IN SPRING

The fortress training period has actually only commenced. In the spring it will be continued by the garrison as a whole.

Among those who will participate will be the First Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, who arrived here yesterday from Palestine, where they were on Active Service for so many months.

Meanwhile, there will be a general exodus of warships from the Colony during the remainder of this week.

They are en route to Singapore and when they anchor there they will represent, according to the Singapore Free Press, the largest concentration of warships ever to visit that harbour.

H.M.S. Hermes and H.M.S. Dorsetshire, which departed on Monday, will not be returning to Hongkong. They will be replaced by H.M.S. Eagle and H.M.S. Suffolk.

H.M.S. Eagle is replacing the smaller aircraft carrier on China Station, while H.M.S. Suffolk is returning here after an extensive refit at a cost of £513,000. Dorsetshire is proceeding home for an identical refit.

H.M.S. Cumberland, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little, is also proceeding to Singapore.

The full list of vessels due there from Hongkong is, according to the Singapore Free Press, as follows:

Cruisers: H.M.S. Cumberland, Dorsetshire, Suffolk Aircraft Carriers: H.M.S. Eagle, Hermes.

Destroyers: H.M.S. Duncan, Dartmouth, Diamond, Diana, Delight, Duchess, Decoy, Defender, Westcott. Submarines: H.M.S. Midway (Mother Ship), Oswald, Parthian, Regulus, Pandora, Regent, Osiris, Phoenix, Olympus, Proteus, Perseus, Rainbow.

Sloops: H.M.S. Lowestoft, Falmouth.

These warships, with the exception of Hermes and Dorsetshire, will return to Hongkong in the spring, when combined operations will commence.



Before the take-off, Flight Lt. J. E. M. MacCallum (seated) explains to the "Telegraph" representative the route to be taken in the "attack" on Hongkong.

WAR OFFICE WILL ISSUE GAS MASKS IN HONGKONG BUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST PRODUCE ITS OWN

"Telegraph" Staff Reporter

ALTHOUGH newspapers and the public are being kept in the dark regarding the steps that will be taken by the Air Raids Precautions Committee to safeguard Hongkong against gas attack, the "Telegraph" learns that several important schemes have been adopted.

The schemes, as disclosed by the "Telegraph" some time ago, include: the adequate protection of selected buildings in the Colony; earmarking of the first and second floors of certain public and private buildings for rapid conversion into gas shelters; supply of effective gas masks to the populace; centralising of food supplies and organisation of Committee to distribute food to the populace; mass displacement of sections of the populace into the hills surrounding the city.

But, although the Air Raids Precautions Committee realises the danger of allowing the Colony to remain defenceless against gas attacks, Government has not yet been asked to find the money required to effectively carry out the plans.

In the estimates for the current year, only a few thousand dollars has been provided for gas masks, and these will be supplied only to police, sanitary department officers and Volunteers.

An unofficial but reliable estimate places the total cost of safeguarding Hongkong against the menace of gas at approximately £1,500,000. This does not include the cost of naval, army or air force defence.

While the Government is hesitating regarding the outlay of such a large sum, the Services are proceeding with their own arrangements to protect themselves.

I understand, for instance, the authorities in London are providing effective gas masks of the latest pattern for all personnel in Hongkong likely to be employed by the War Department in the event of any emergency in this Colony. This personnel will, of course, include any civilians co-opted by the military authorities.

The Hongkong Government, and not the War Office, is responsible for the protection of the civilian personnel of essential services, such as electric lighting, communications, etc. But no money has been included in this year's estimates for their protection.

NOTHING DONE YET

Although it is over six months since the Air Raids Precautions Committee decided to commence educating the public, little, if anything, has been done to put this decision into effect.

Alive to the danger that threatens the Colony if it is ever attacked from the air, the St. John Ambulance Brigade has already put into practice a systematic training of all its members, numbering over 700, and each week dozens of these voluntary nurses and ambulance bearers have gone through the military and naval tear-gas chambers. They are equipped with service gas masks loaned by the authorities.

MAKE GAS MASKS HERE?

Plans are still under discussion. I understand, for the manufacture of gas masks in Hongkong, and several local rubber goods manufacturers were approached some time ago regarding the project.

In any case, Hongkong factories will be only able to manufacture the rubber masks, and it will still be

necessary to import the service containers from England.

These cannot be manufactured locally, as their contents are a secret known only to the highest officials in England.

I am reliably informed that Lt. Col. W. T. O. Crewdson, R.A., has been appointed Anti-Aircraft Defence Commander in Hongkong as from January 1.

This Officer is already Commander of the Fifth Anti-Aircraft Brigade, stationed in this Colony, from which it may be assumed that his responsibilities have been considerably extended.

Hongkong Coronation Delegation

"TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL
GOVERNMENT will shortly announce the composition of a Delegation from the Colony to London for the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

The delegation is not likely to be a large one, and, it is understood, may consist of only those who nominally would be in London next May.

Two such residents here, it is understood, already been chosen as members of the Delegation.

Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps who will be in England on leave next May are also asked to participate in a parade in London. It is believed that a considerable number of members of the H.K.V.D.C. and H.K.N.V.C. will be on leave, and arrangements are being made to forward their uniforms to London, should they assent to participation in the ceremonies.

The entire delegation from London, however, will be much smaller than those which proceeded home for the Coronations of King Edward VII and King George V.

Fourteen sub-committees are in charge of arrangements for the celebration of the Coronation in Hongkong.

A feature of the local programmes will be a combined Review of all the Services.

Coronation Day—May 12—will be declared a public holiday.

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12.30 p.m. A Concert.
1 p.m. Time and Weather.
1.03 p.m. The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Weather, Time, and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.
2 p.m. Hildegarde (Vocal).
2.15 p.m. Close Down.

4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7 p.m. London—Big Ben. "Police- men off Duty." Songs, Sentiments, and Reflections on a Policeman's Lot. Produced by John Pudney. (Electrical Recording).

7.32 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.37 p.m. Variety Items.
Vocal—Carry me back to the Lone Prairie... The Hill Billies; Vocal—Let's sing again... Bobbie Breen; Duet—Oh Sarah! Oh 'Emery!... Tommy Handley and Jean Allstone.

7.50 p.m. From the Studio.
Harry G. Aston and his Piano-Accordion.

South American Joe; Poema; Donauweller; Moonlight in Rio de Janeiro.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Light Cavalry—Overture (Suppe); Buffalo (Confrey); Jazz Nocturne ("My Silent Love"); (Stuesse).

8.15 p.m. From the Studio. A Recital by Mao Eng Bun (piano-forte), Elsie Yuen (Soprano) and Arsenio Tobias (Violin).

1. Soprano Solos—Vol to Sapete O Mamma (Cavalleria Rusticana)... (Mascagni); Vezosette e Care... Falcioni; 2. Piano-forte Solo—Fantasia—Impromptu... Chopin; 3. Violin Solo—Allegretto Poco Mosso (Violin Sonata)... Cesar Frank; With Nura Knis at the Piano; 4. Soprano Solos—O Del Amato Ben. Donaudy; Chl Vuol la Zingarella... Paisiello; 5. Piano-forte Solos—Voices; Minstrels... Claude Debussy; 6. Violin Solo—The Rosary... Nevin-Kreisler.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. "Lohengrin"—Prelude, Act 3. (Wagner)—Pre-lude, Act 3. (Wagner), played by London Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Albert Coates.

9.20 p.m. From the Studio. The 1st of a Second Series of Gramophone Recitals, by the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.

10 p.m. Big Ben. Dance Music.

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GSE	1,770 k.c.	33.33 metres
GSD	1,880 k.c.	31.91 metres
GSE	1,985 k.c.	30.20 metres
GSD	2,090 k.c.	28.70 metres
GSE	2,195 k.c.	27.33 metres
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Further donations to this Xmas appeal for "Hungry Babies" will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer Women's Auxiliary Society for the Protection of Children, P.O. Box 80, Hongkong.

Transmission 1

4 p.m. Big Ben. John London at Home—1.

4.31 p.m. Brail's Sonatas for Violoncello and Piano-forte—2.

5 p.m. Suggestions for your Book List.

5.15 p.m. Programme of New Gramophone Records.

5.45 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.

Transmission 2

7.32 p.m. Big Ben. "Police-men off Duty." The Rutland Square and New Victoria Orchestra.

8.15 p.m. "This is England."

8.20 p.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.20 p.m.

8.55 p.m. A Recital of Songs and Duets. Transmission 3

10 p.m. Big Ben. The Lasky Sextet. "Round and About."

10.40 p.m. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra. 11.30 p.m. A Violin Recital.

12.15 p.m. A Countryman's Diary.

12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.30 a.m.

12.50 a.m. Dance Music! Fox Trot.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton

January 12.37/38 12.50/36x
March 12.30/30 12.47/48
May 12.23/24 12.35/36
July 12.15/15 12.25/25
October 11.74/74 11.90/90
December 11.70 11.90/90
Spot 12.00 12.07

New York Rubber

January 21.00 22.00x
March 21.67/67 22.04/05
May 21.57/57 21.89/89
July 21.45/45 21.76x
September 21.35/35 21.70x
October 21.34 21.60x
December 21.34 21.60x
Total sales: 2,770 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May 131 1/2/131 1/2 133 1/2/133 1/2
July 116 1/2/116 1/2 117 1/2/117 1/2
Sept 112 1/2/112 1/2 114 1/2/114 1/2
Wednesday's sales

Chicago Corn

May 109 1/2/109 1/2 108 1/2/108 1/2
July 105 1/2/105 1/2 106 1/2/106 1/2
Sept 101 1/2/101 1/2 102 1/2/102 1/2

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Cup, and the Challenge Cup.
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Kiang Handicap run at Moan

WILL HONGKONG BE REPRESENTED AT BISLEY'S CORONATION MEETING?

RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S PROBLEM

CONFRONTED WITH RULE THAT MAY BAR TEAM FROM BEING ENTERED

DISPENSATION IS SOUGHT

(By "Veritas")

The Macao Race Meeting

(Continued from Page 8.)

New Market Tip

LOK CHANG HANDICAP

Victory Life
Mothray Day
Merry Fatty

NANCHANG HANDICAP
(SECOND SECTION)

Emergency Call
Merry Doer
Ocean View

WUCHANG HANDICAP

Shih Yin Grand
Hogmanay
Courcur Bleu

LADIES DASH (UNOFFICIAL)

Wisdom Stag
Boukka
Paul Jones

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

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The Bendigo Stakes, which was an open event before, is now confined to Australian "B" class colts. On the second day, the Curragh Stakes has been changed to a handicap event for "C" class China ponies over a mile. The penalties for winners during 1936 in the Chater Cup were 155 lbs. instead of the 145 lbs. for non-winners. This will mean that the poundage cannot exceed 155 lbs. whereas in the previous seasons, a 141 lb. pony with three wins had to shoulder the stupendous burden of 171 lbs.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CATERED

The Australian ponies are well catered for on the third day and the Peking Handicap is a new event for "A" class China ponies that have not won more than \$3,000 in stakes during 1936.

Owing to the number of Derby Grifflins being almost the same as that of last year, the Stewards had no alternative but to abolish the Grand Stand Stakes over six furlongs, but, the stake money for winner in the Lusitano Cup has been increased to \$500 instead of \$500.

Owners will please note that "A" class China ponies and winners at the meetings are barred in the Ladies Purse and this, I am sure, is a good news to the "B" standard chasers. In previous years, Ladies purse was an open event.

Derby grifflins are ineligible for the Jockey Cup. The conditions of the Northern Stakes confined to subscription grifflins of the Club of any season have been modified to exclude the winners of the Garrison Cup and the Royal Navy Cup 1937.

The Phuection Handicap is reserved for "D" class ponies to be run on the last day over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, while entries for the Happy Valley Spring Handicap will be divided into "A" and "B" divisions at the discretion of the gentleman in charge of the poundage. Owners are reminded that the Grifflins Spring Handicap is for grifflins of the meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. So be liberal with your entries!

All entries close at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, at 3 p.m. on Saturday January 16, 1937. It will be seen that a nice programme has been framed to meet all the classes of Australian and China ponies and punters may look forward to a very successful meeting.

SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

(Continued from Page 8.)

St. Andrew's; C.B.S. v. "Y" Ladies; H.K. Ladies v. Winners of the C.B.A.-R.U.R. match.

The following are the teams: C.B.A.—Y. Walker, F. Best; I. Woolley, O. Peters; A. N. Oher, Mrs. Burton, D. Hunt.

C.B.S.—M. Frazer, J. Booker; M. McCaw, C. Bone; M. Booker, D. McCaw, P. Baxter.

H.K.L.—E. Gray, J. Dalziel; B. Pope, K. Glover; W. Marsh, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Donald.

Recrelo.—C. Osmund, O. Botelho; Mrs. Silva, E. Xavier; M. Roza, C.

SHALL Hongkong be represented at this year's Coronation Bisley Meeting?

Four hundred and seventy-two members of the Hongkong Rifle Association enthusiastically reply "Yes". The National Rifle Association also enthusiastically responds "Yes", then cautiously adds "So long as you abide by our rules".

And there lies the snag. A snag which is causing a little anxiety to the Hongkong Rifle Association, for there is one rule, which, unless Hongkong can secure a dispensation from it, will probably prevent the Colony from participating at Bisley. The rule in question states specifically that teams entering certain competitions must be either resident at, or stationed in, the Colony which they represent.

This arises Hongkong's problem. If the Colony is to be best represented at Bisley it must rely on members of the Services to constitute the team, and the only chance Hongkong has of turning out such a team in compliance with the rules, is for officers of regiments stationed here during the Bisley Meeting, to be home on leave.

For all practical purposes this is impossible, and as there is but a faint hope of being able to get together a team of civilian members who may be on leave this summer, the Hongkong Rifle Association's problem becomes somewhat acute.

ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST

With the position thus clearly defined, the Association has approached the N.R.A., to grant them dispensation from this residential qualification rule, and to permit Hongkong to enter a team composed of service-men now in England, who were formerly stationed in Hongkong, and are members of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

So far the H.K.R.A. has met with no success, but it is persevering with its efforts, believing that such a concession on the part of the National Rifle Association will do nothing to injure the fairness of the competitions which Hongkong wishes to enter, but will certainly do much to stimulate rifle shooting in the Colony, and will enable Hongkong to participate in a notable event.

Furthermore, the H.K.R.A. feels that if it can enter the team it has in mind, Hongkong stands a very fair chance of winning. It is desired to compete for the Morning Post Imperial Challenge Cup (Junior Kolapore) and in the Harriet, the Imperial Challenge Cup and Junior Mackinnon Cup.

These contests call for teams of four, and the local Association already has earmarked a very powerful combination of sharpshooters now stationed in England, which, if the N.R.A. accedes to requests, will fire for the Colony.

The Colony as a whole will sympathize with the Rifle Association in its efforts to secure representation at Bisley, and it is to be hoped that possibly the military authorities here can assist the Association to achieve its object.

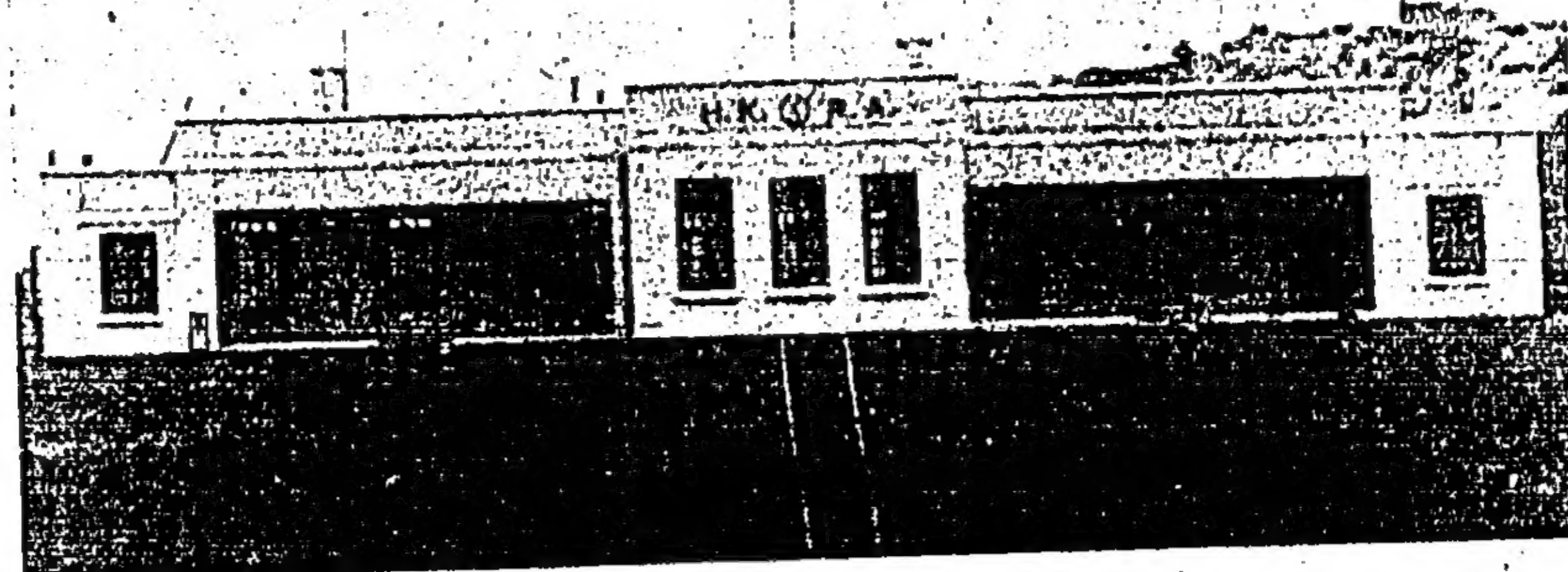
472 MEMBERSHIP

Before the end of this month the Hongkong Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting when it will be announced that the full membership now stands at 472, which is only just short of the 500 mark aimed at. But better appreciation of the enormous increase in interest and its activities by riflemen can be gauged by the fact that since May last the full membership has leaped up from 320 to its present figure. The associate membership of course, totals over 4,000.

The Hongkong Travel Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions: The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., \$500; Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., \$250.

A return issued by the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch shows that during December, 11,758 cases were treated, including 4,171 new ones. Altogether 1,992 cases were seen by doctors.

Silva, A. Alves.
St. Andrew's—G. White, L. Cross; J. Humphreys, J. Wong; F. Wong, M. Roza, P. Gittens. Reserve, S. West.
R.U.R.—Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Campbell; Mrs. Hole, W. Hamon; Mrs. Elwood, E. Hamon, Mrs. McNeilan.
R.W.F.—Mrs. Withan, Mrs. Cowan; Mrs. Kidgell, Mrs. MacGuinness; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dandy.
"Y"—L. A. Fowler, E. Thomson; M. Smith, S. Dalziel; O. Dalziel, V. Bradbury, M. Westcott.
D.G.S.—Not yet received.



The handsome new clubhouse of the Hongkong Rifle Association, which is proving extremely popular among the members.

Few Great Classic Winners In Home Flat Season

London.

The year 1936, so far as classic winners are concerned, was not a great one in racing history. Mahmoud is not worthy of comparison with Bahram or Windsor Lad, and it is reasonable to include him among the middle class winners of the Derby.

Boswell was winner of one of the most disappointing St. Leger races of recent years—disappointing because of the absence from the field of Precipitation, the extraordinary failure of Rhodes Scholar to live up to his reputation, and the prevalence of heeling at the time the race was run.

Boswell may yet prove himself a worthy winner of classic honours, but his failure to give Sils, to Precipitation in the Jockey Club Stakes suggests that he is nothing out of the common.

He is the only classic winner to remain in training. Pay Up has finished with racing and is destined for the Littleton stud, though his services will not be available until 1938.

Tideway has already been retired to the paddocks, and Lovely Rosa will soon leave Lambourn to be mated with Tibertus. Other notable three-year-old fillies which have finished with racing include Barrow-Gem just purchased at a big price for the Siedmere stud.

This famous establishment, which a few years ago was in danger of falling from its high estate, is now rearing mares of exceptional stamp.

CHANCE FOR ASCOT

The supply of high class three-year-olds left over for next season's racing, it can be seen—from these defections, is not satisfactory. Perhaps the best stayer of this age is Precipitation, and all goes well with him he will be the popular choice for next season's Ascot Gold Cup. This race from the monetary point of view will be of greater attraction than ever.

Most people are interested in the future of Rhodes Scholar. Is the task of J. Lawson to build him up again to supplement his triumphs at Ascot and Sandown. Providing he recovers his form, it is not unlikely that Rhodes Scholar will win the Eclipse Stakes a second time.

Among the older horses, Quashed remains in the hand of C. Leader. Her main objective will be to equal the performances of Trilidon, Invershin and others by winning another Ascot Cup. Few five-year-old mares have ever competed for that race, and it is tolerably safe to say that Quashed would never have been given the opportunity of doing so had she been in the Stud Book.

The chances are that Omaha will again be among her rivals, though his owner and trainer will have to decide between him and Bostall. There is also a possibility that Flares, the younger brother of Omaha, will develop into a cup horse next year.

TWO-YEAR OLDS

It is too early to say whether the crack two-year-olds are more than an average lot. Certainly they include several of great promise. For example, Early School may be a smasher, but so far, the Mantion colt has never been extended. His immense speed has been shown beyond question, and as a son of Felstead, he should stay.

It is through Early School's sire that he is entitled to preference over Foray as the probable winner of the Derby. Another youngster who promises to develop is Fair Copy, but unfortunately, he is not in the Derby. There is the prospect of a great race between him and Foray in the Two Thousand Guineas, in which the smart Dipomat colt joins issue with them, this being his only classic entry.

It is a foregone conclusion that Early School will be at the head of the Free Handicap. Mr. A. Fawcett, the handicapper, will probably set him to give 2 lbs. to Fair Copy. The handicapper will find it a little difficult to deal with Le Grand Duc, who was suffering from a cracked heel when he ran so badly at Doncaster; Perifox, too, will be something of a puzzle, as excuses can be urged for his two latest defections. Waterbird's reputation has suffered as a result of his failure at Hurst Park, but his stable companion, The Hour, must still be reckoned high among the two-year-olds, and Full Sail is another of J. Jarvis' colts who enter into the classic situation of 1937.—Reuter.

LADIES' GOLF

Mrs. Mulcahy Qualifies For Captain's Cup

The Captain's Cup of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played on the New Course at Fanling, resulted in Mrs. Mulcahy qualifying with a score of 104-36=68.

The Medal Pool, New Course, Fanling, was won by Mrs. Mulcahy, 104-36=68. Other scores were: Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie 93-24=69; Mrs. Currie 90-27=72; Mrs. Gilmore 87-12=75; Mrs. Newbigging 89-14=75; and Mrs. Fraser 103-37=76.

The following is the draw for the Captain's Cup:

Byes—Miss Goodrich v. Mrs. Mulcahy; Mrs. Kirk v. Mrs. Hillier.
First Round—Mrs. McGowan v. Mrs. Macadam; Mrs. Prophet v. Mrs. Mackintosh; Mrs. C. B. Brown v. Mrs. Sherry; Miss Robinson v. Mrs. Roberts.

The first round is to be played by January 23; second round by February 6; semi-final by February 20. The draw for the Championship is as follows:

Byes—Mrs. Garner v. Mrs. S. Mills; A. K. Mackenzie v. Mrs. Roffey; Mrs. Cassidy v. Mrs. Hillier; Miss Goodrich v. Mrs. Mulcahy; Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie v. Mrs. McGowan; Mrs. Prophet v. Mrs. Mackintosh; Mrs. C. B. Brown v. Mrs. Sherry; Miss Robinson v. Mrs. Roberts.

First Round—Mrs. Lissaman v. Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Gilmore v. Miss Robinson.

First round to be played by January 19; second round by February 2; third round by February 16; semi-final by March 2.

ROSS CUP

The following is the draw for the Ross Cup:

Byes—Miss Stevenson v. Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Garnett v. Mrs. Roffey; Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. Glover; Mrs. Lissaman v. Mrs. Challinor; Mrs. Roberts v. Miss Curran; Mrs. Crapnell v. Mrs. McGowan; Mrs. Lumley v. Mrs. Valentine v. by; Miss Goodrich v. Mrs. White; Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie v. Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Mundy v. Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Maitland v. Mrs. S. Mills; Mrs. Garner v. Mrs. Mulcahy; Mrs. Smalley v. Mrs. Dovey.

First Round—Mrs. Wait v. Mrs. Harrop; Mrs. Woodhouse v. Mrs. Kay; Mrs. Woodward v. Miss Marsh; Mrs. Overy v. Mrs. Mackintosh; Mrs. H. A. Mills v. Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie; Mrs. Withington v. Mrs. Prophet.

First round to be played by January 23; 2nd round by February 2; 3rd round by February 13; 4th round by February 23; Semi-final by March 6.

In the above Competitions the first-named player is responsible for fixing the match; if the result is not posted on the closing date for the round the second-named player goes into the next round.

Two prizes kindly presented by Lady Macgregor will be played for on Tuesday, February 16:

(1) Medal Competition on the New Course, Fanling, for players of handicaps of 36 only.

(2) Medal Competition on the New Course, Fanling, for all players of handicaps other than 36.

THE NEXT TEST MATCH

The Australian team for the fourth Test Match will not be selected before next week.—Reuter.

WASEDA HOCKEY PLAYERS

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG

Deplorably, but confident, smiles greeted the question, "What do you think your chances are?" when the Waseda University hockey players arrived last night on the Taiyo Maru from Shanghai.

The visitors, 19 in number, expressed a keen desire to come to grips with Colony teams, and thus have an opportunity to enhance their reputation as Japan's number-one hockey team, this proud position having been attained by a seven-nil victory over the Kyoto Imperial University in November last. Also, they remember a three-two defeat by the Colony when they last visited Hongkong in 1927.

The man whom Hongkong teams will have to keep an especially sharp watch on is young Kawai. Inside-eight and champion goal-getter of a champion goal-getting side. It will be interesting to see what he and his companion forwards will do against Guest, Gosano and Souza.

When presented with the formidable programme of matches arranged for them, they were not a whit daunted, and are looking forward to completing the fixtures. They have been playing consistently for several months, and will come on to the field a well co-ordinated team, as opposed to the rather ragged local sides, lacking the necessary practice together.

As the University opens for the new term on January 10, the tourists will return on the Taiyo Maru from Hongkong, instead of going on to Singapore, as was previously stated, and which would have meant coming back to the University some time in February. A match will be played in Shanghai on the return journey.

Our visitors are hoping that the light drizzle falling on the night of their arrival will keep up, as they are at their best on a soft ground.

The following are the names of the visitors:
Inspector: Y. Shinyo; S. Kojima, Captain; T. Yamada, Members: M. Onisaka; S. Kawahara and M. Ishihara; H. Tomita, T. Yamada, K. Kurosaka; Y. Masamura, T. Yonemaru, K. Kawai and M. Sugawara, Y. Shimoda, Reserve: M. Kawashima, T. Takishi and K. Yamamoto.

RUMOURED "INCIDENT"

FIRM DENIAL BY AUSTRALIAN TEST MATCH PLAYERS

Melbourne, Jan. 7.

As a sensational aftermath of the Test match it is learned on the highest authority that four prominent Australian Test match players were called before a special meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Board of Control to-day at the instigation of the Australian Captain, Donald Bradman, to discuss rumours of off-field behaviour.

It is understood that it was pointed out to the players that their behaviour was unfair to Australia. The players' spokesman denied the rumours and said that both sides were parting on the friendliest terms.

No official action is likely to be taken.

BRADMAN'S DENIAL

Melbourne, Jan. 7.
A member of the Board interviewed by Reuter, said that neither word, nor by writing, nor by suggestion had Bradman complained against any particular players.—Reuter.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

The SAFETY LAMP

How a Parson Risked His Life to Test It

By
CLAUD GOLDING



"I don't know why, but I always eat more than I intend to. I'll have a piece of apple pie, if you will."

ONE hundred and twenty-one years ago to-day the Davy safety-lamp was first used in a coal-mine.

On January 8, 1816, the Rev. John Hodgson, Rector of Jarrold, New-castle-on-Tyne, received from Sir Humphry Davy two lamps. Davy wrote that he believed his invention would solve the problem of illumination in mines, but he had never really put the lamps to a test.

Hodgson's satisfaction at the receipt of the lamps was unrestrained. Although he had been asked by Davy to take one of the lamps down a mine and give it a practical test, he had such confidence in the great scientist that he had little fear of the result. Hodgson knew, however, that there was a grave risk of explosion if the lamp failed to act.

Up to this time miners, when working in foul air, used a steel mill—a disc of steel that was kept revolving in contact with a piece of flint. This device was safe enough, but it gave little light.

Davy's scheme was to enclose the

flame in a lantern made of wire gauze.

On January 9, Hodgson descended into the pit carrying with him a Davy lamp. What effect the introduction of a light into the mine would have had on the miners can be easily imagined. It appears, however, that the parson kept his experiment to himself.

In Hebburn pit he walked about in an atmosphere of fire-damp with the utmost courage. As he moved from one point to another the lamp became full of blazing gas, but there was no explosion.

Then the most dramatic incident of the whole episode occurred. Hodgson wandered about swinging the lamp, holding it high and low, until he drew near a miner who worked laboriously by the indifferent light of a steel mill.

As the light from Hodgson's lamp approached the miner looked up. He saw what was apparently a candle whose flame burned without protection. The shock was almost too much for him. "Put out the light," he roared.

But when no attention was paid to his cries and the glow came nearer

admitted afterwards that he ought to have prepared the miner for the shock.

The Rev. John Hodgson was one of the pioneers who influenced Sir Humphry Davy to produce his lamp.

Up to the early years of the 19th century lanterns in the mines had been frequent, but no one concerned with the pits, or the profits they brought, considered it worth while to try to remedy the matter.

It was left to a few humanitarians to induce scientists to bestir themselves.

In August, 1815, Sir Humphry Davy was travelling through Northumberland. His reputation as a scientist was known all over England and, indeed, the Continent.

A certain Dr. Gray, rector of Bishopscleeve, implored him to stay in Newcastle and examine the possibility of relieving the danger from explosions in the mines.

Mr. Hodgson and a colliery engineer named Buddle, put Davy in possession of the facts. It was the first time his attention had been drawn to circumstances under which the colliers worked.

He came back to London in a thoughtful mood. After a series of experiments he found that a flame would not pass through minute tubes. It thereupon occurred to him that a sheet of wire-gauze was the equivalent to a series of tubes placed in rows. He soon evolved a plan for enclosing a flame with a cylinder of gauze.

It was a scientific fact that inflammable air could get through the gauze and become ignited, but it could not come outside the gauze and thus cause an explosion in the mine.

Davy wrote to Hodgson for a sample of fire damp. He had already come to certain conclusions as the result of reasoning, but had not put his theory to a practical test.

When the fire damp arrived, and he had experimented with it, he was satisfied that he had not made a mistake.

At the end of October 1815, Davy again wrote to Hodgson and told him the result of his experiments, and that he intended to make a lamp.

This letter read at a public meeting at Newcastle and caused a sensation. The Royal Society were no less impressed when he gave them the result of his researches.

The first Davy lamp was placed in the Museum of Practical Geology in Jermyn-street, Piccadilly, London.

Buddle, the colliery engineer, advised Davy to take out a patent for his invention. Buddle was a practical man. He could see the enormous value of the lamp. But Davy refused to make money out of saving the lives of miners.

"It might enable me to put four horses in my carriage," he said; "but what could it avail me to have it said that Sir Humphry drives his carriage and four?"

Whilst Davy was working out his scheme of a miners' safety lamp, another man was working on similar lines. He was George Stephenson, then an unknown engineer, at Killingworth Colliery, near Newcastle.

His experiments were purely mechanical and had nothing to do with the fact that a flame would not pass through gauze. In August 1815, he evolved a safety lamp which was tested two months later.

With his son, Robert, then only a boy, and Nicholas Wood, a superintendent at Killingworth, Stephenson went down into the mine. Stephenson was as courageous as Hodgson, whose experiment took place three months afterwards.

"Advancing to the place of danger," records a biographer of George Stephenson, "and entering into the fumes, he held it firmly out, in the full current of the blower, and within a few inches of his mouth. Thus exposed, the flame of the lamp first increased, and then flickered and went out, but there was no explosion of gas."

"Such was the result of the first experiment with the first practical miner's safety lamp; and such the daring resolution of its inventor in testing its valuable qualities."

An improved type of Stephenson's lamp was successful, and lamps constructed on that principle were used in the Killingworth Colliery. This lamp was similar to that of Davy.

Thus, both Sir Humphry Davy and George Stephenson must be given the credit for inventing the safety lamp.

Both came to a similar conclusion in the end, but had approached the idea from different angles.

In 1816 and 1817 there was much controversy as to who should receive the credit of discovering the safety lamp. Unfortunately for Stephenson, scientists were on the side of Davy.

Stephenson was too modest to push his claim. Thus Davy has always been known as the pioneer.

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Happiest Day in the ex-Kaiser's Life

IT is like a tale from Hans Andersen. Once upon a time a man dreamed, for half his life, the terrible nightmare dream that he was an Emperor.

Then he woke up, and discovered that he was no longer an Emperor—he was a Free Man. His name is Wilhelm Hohenzollern, and he lives in Holland, with one of the finest rose gardens in the world. Before the war he was Kaiser of Germany.

E. F. Benson, the author, suggests that this grandson of Queen Victoria

is interesting as a psychological study. The day the Kaiser woke up and lived was the day he fled into Holland. It was, Mr. Benson hints, the happiest day in his life. The gates of Amerongen Castle clashed behind him, and he entered his first refuge in Holland.

"At last," says Mr. Benson in a book recently published, "The Kaiser and English Relations" (Longmans, 16s.), "the War Lord felt safe; he rubbed his hands together and said, 'Now for a cup of real good English tea.'"

"Life as he had known it, since the days when he first realised his crippled arm, had been a campaign of defensive psychological combat. Always he had been driven by pitifully native instincts to conceal by smoke screens of bombast the ill-mannered fortress of his soul."

"Now all was over; he need conceal no more, and, above all, he need tremble no more at the machinations of the crawling nations. He had lost his crown, he was an exile in a foreign land, his personal de-

feat amounted to annihilation, and now there was nothing to fear, for his fears had been realised, and with their fulfilment came the tranquillity that was attendant on unconditional surrender."

"Destiny had been cruel in ordaining that a man of his temper and temperament should be Emperor of a great nation. Throughout his reign he had never shown any grasp of the serious responsibilities of kingship, never once, for all his sincere patriotism, had he rendered any true service to his country, nor ever had he failed to use his great abilities in the cause of European disquiet."

"If only Providence had consecrated him to be a squire of simple means and estate just outside some county town in England, what a pleasant and useful existence his might have been."

Mr. Benson believes that he loved England, but he felt that his love of England had been repaid with scorn and mistrust, and he has said that he lives at Doorn "by the vile intrigues of the British statesmen."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Davy lamp first used in coal mines, 1816.

BORN:

John Earl St. Vincent (Admiral Jervis), 1734.

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Caroline Lucretia Herschel, astronomer, 1848.

and nearer he began to use language that was not fit for the ears of a parson.

He took Hodgson to be a comrade with incendiary inclinations. The miner changed his tune. He gave up swearing and tried wheedling instead. Surely, he thought, the man with the light was mad!

Hodgson made no reply. He moved nearer to the miner and halted within a few paces. Then the workman could see what was, for Hodgson was well known and respected among the pitmen.

There was a smile of triumph on the face of the parson, who, however, was somewhat conscience-stricken at having given the man a fright. He

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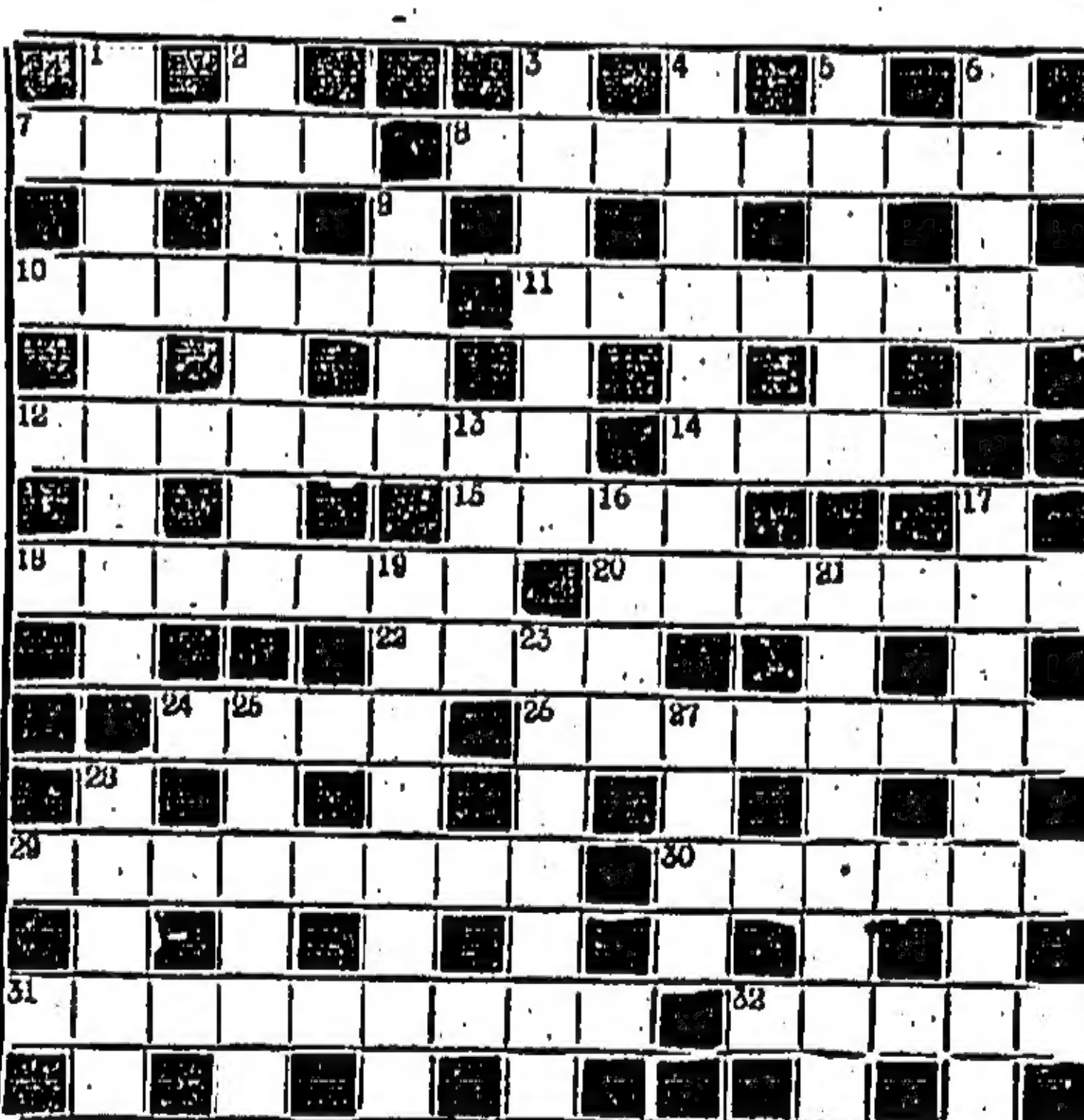
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- 10 All girls.
- 11 Descriptive of a board that is well covered.
- 12 With great rapidly, the Hindu denied the radio tale's mordant interest (hidden).
- 13 Capital.
- 14 She sang for it.
- 15 Lay on.
- 16 Just cash this and get the material.
- 17 Hidden in Clue 14.
- 18 A Butlerian burlesque.
- 19 Well "rid, no rig" for this anagram.
- 20 Tell how—straight.
- 21 A newspaper fire.
- 22 Where everyone goes to for rest.

DOWN

- 1 Just tasting, thus saving our interior.
- 2 Hearing these, one guesses the dancer to be—in glasses.
- 3 Tugs men (anag.).
- 4 If you must get the sack, it is a good thing to be fired with this.
- 5 Less than fifters, arranged, so to speak.

0 Isn't it fine? though it might be folly.

- 0 Prefix hidden in Clue 14.
- 13 Police informer.
- 16 Stead.
- 17 Withdrawn from competitive effort.
- 18 Mean prey (anag.).
- 21 A small party.
- 23 Still Rhine wine; always was.
- 25 Welsh county.
- 27 Hidden in Clue 14.
- 28 A bit of bluff (hyphen 3-2).

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CHANGING THE SUCCESSION

Where The Dominions Stand AN ANOMALY BY STATUTE

A statement during the crisis by the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. J. A. Lyons, has drawn attention to a curious anomaly in the Empire's Constitution under the Statute of Westminster.

This Statute was passed by the United Kingdom Government in December, 1931, but none of the Dominions implicated, except South Africa—that is, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Irish Free State, and Newfoundland—has so far adopted it; that is, none has yet implemented it by parallel legislation.

In the case of Newfoundland, she is now governed by a Statute Commission from the United Kingdom, and the question, therefore, does not arise.

The legal position, therefore, though not necessarily the position in practice—seems to be that while the United Kingdom Government is constrained from altering the Succession to the Throne or the Royal style and titles without the unanimous consent of all the Dominions, none of the Dominions except South Africa is so constrained individually.

It appears to follow that while Australia (for example) can prevent a change of Succession to the Throne, Australia herself is bound to obtain the assent of the United Kingdom Government to any such alteration in so far as it concerns Australia.

A MORGANATIC MARRIAGE ACT The passing of a morganatic marriage law by the United Kingdom Government in favour of King Edward would only have been possible, as Mr. Baldwin explained during the crisis, if all the Dominions agreed.

It should be pointed out that in the case of Canada and the Irish Free State the provisions of the Statute of Westminster were considered to be already in operation, and that, therefore, no further declaration was deemed necessary. It was under this ruling that Canada, like South Africa, passed her Free Status Act, and that President De Valera passed various measures asserting the independence of the Irish Free State.

IN THE PREAMBLE The declaration referring to the succession, on which Mr. Baldwin based his statement that the assent of the Dominions would be required to any change, is contained in the preamble to the Statute of Westminster. It reads as follows:

"And whereas it is meet and proper to set out by way of preamble to this Act that, inasmuch as the Crown is the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and as they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown, it would be in accord with the established constitutional position of all the members of the Commonwealth in relation to one another that any alteration in the law touching the Succession to the Throne or the Royal Style and Titles shall hereafter require the assent as well of the Parliaments of all the Dominions as of the Parliament of the United Kingdom."

LAW OR PRACTICE As this declaration merely forms part of the preamble, it is a nice point whether it is actually binding in law; but it may be taken that in practice, all the Dominions, with the possible exception of the Irish Free State, would so regard it.

In the case of the latter, a United Kingdom Act, agreed to by the rest of the Dominions, debarring the heirs of King Edward from succeeding to the Throne, might not have been acceptable. In certain circumstances, to the Irish Free State. This disagreement, in turn, might necessitate the United Kingdom and the other Dominions passing legislation specifically excluding the Irish Free State from any Imperial Enactment eventually adopted.



Lieut. R. H. S. Clark, R.N., of H.M.S. Medway, and his bride, formerly Miss Peggy Isabel Murrow, leaving St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon after their wedding. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

£200,000 Old Student's Gift To University

Mr. Frank Parkinson, chairman of Messrs. Crompton Parkinson, Ltd., electrical manufacturers, has presented £200,000 for new buildings to Leeds University, his alma mater.

The University Council at a special meeting expressed its gratitude.

Mr. Parkinson recently instituted a scholarship fund with a gift of £50,000.

His latest gift will be used for a central block which will be the main feature of the whole university building scheme.

THELMA LADY FURNESS DESCRIBES VANDERBILT SETTLEMENT

THELMA Lady Furness, sister of Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt, has returned to London from the U.S.A.

She told newspapermen that the settlement recently announced of the dispute over the custody of her sister's daughter, Gloria, meant that the second court action begun some weeks ago would not now be proceeded with.

"The agreement, which is between my sister and Gloria's aunt, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, provides that my sister will have the custody of

the child for longer periods," she said.

"She will now have Gloria with her during June and July and part of August, and also for the larger part of the Christmas and Easter holidays."

"At one time my sister was allowed about 50,000 dollars a year for the upkeep of the child, but during the proceedings gave it all up."

"Instead she received a very small amount when she was having the child for week-ends."

"I understand that the other side are now insisting that under the new agreement she should again receive the 50,000 dollars."

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BRITISH SHIP FEARED IN GRAVE PERIL

Distress Signal Heard By Press Operator CALL SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED: PIRACY SUSPECTED

SOMEWHERE in the Pacific Ocean, possibly in the vicinity of Hongkong, a British ship is believed to be in urgent need of assistance.

Radio traffic has ceased on the 600 metre band while coastal stations from Shanghai to Singapore are endeavouring to trace the source of a mystery S.O.S., broadcast at 10.28 a.m.

The S.O.S. was heard by Mr. G. E. Baxter, veteran Marconi operator in charge of the United Press Association receiving station in Kowloon.

"I was preparing to copy press traffic from the United Press transmitting station in San Francisco when I heard the distress call," said Mr. Baxter.

"The call was quite distinct. The operator said: 'S.O.S., S.O.S., S.O.S., de GLAM. In Distress. Please Send Assistance. Lat. —'. The signals then abruptly ended."

Mr. Baxter added that the ship appeared to be broadcasting on its emergency apparatus. Its note was ragged and signals were quite "wobbly".

The letters "GLAM" are identification letters, allotted to ships by the International Bureau and are for the same purpose as the letters "ZBW" for the local broadcasting station.

The initial letter "G" signifies that the ship is British, with its port of registry in the British Isles.

H. K. Telegraph enquires indicate that no British ship has been listed as possessing the call-sign "GLAM" for its wireless station. Neither Naval nor local radio authorities heard the mystery SOS at 10.28 a.m.

The Telegraph informed the Radio authorities that an SOS message had been heard, and immediately afterwards the local Coast Station at Cape D'Aguilar broadcast a general call to all ships, requesting information. A constant watch is being maintained on 600 metres, both at Cape D'Aguilar and the Naval Station at Stonecutters Island, but complete silence has reigned since 10.28 a.m.

INDIAN YOUTHS VANISH

PARENTS FEAR KIDNAPPING POLICE HUNT FRUITLESS

THREE Indian schoolboys—aged about 14—have the entire police force of Hongkong searching for them, but without success.

Living in widely separated parts of the Colony, they left their homes shortly before 8 a.m. yesterday for their various schools. Since then they have vanished.

The three boys are:
Sham Singh, a Queen's College schoolboy;
Hari Singh, an Ellis Kadoorie schoolboy; and
Kartar Singh, an Ellis Kadoorie schoolboy.

The boys are unrelated. One lives at the Douglas Steamship Wharf, another at the Sikh Temple in Gap Road and the third at the Taiwan Bank.

When they left their homes yesterday morning, the three boys wore turbans. Although unrelated, they are said to be firm friends, and it is possible that they have made a youthful pact to "travel".

Their parents fear, however, that they may have been kidnapped, and a small reward has been offered for information regarding their whereabouts.

Sham Singh

MOVE TO PROTECT THE YEN

JAPANESE TAKING PRECAUTIONS

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Arising from the recent weakness of the yen, the Finance Ministry at midnight published an ordinance, effective at once, enforcing general import control by the official licensing of foreign exchange transactions.

The Ministry is aiming at the prevention of forward speculation on the yen, and also speculative imports.

Considerable tariff increases are expected to be imposed in April or

THE SEAFORTH'S IN HONGKONG



Men of the 1st Battalion of The Seaforth Highlanders are here seen just after coming ashore on their arrival on Tuesday. The Battalion came direct from active service in Palestine, where a number of casualties were suffered. (Photo: Kwong Lam Studio).

NEW ATTACK ON MADRID

Germans and Moors In Determined Offensive

Madrid, Jan. 7.

The suggestion that the fight for the capital is entering a critical stage is contained in a communique issued by the Madrid Defence Council.

It states that the battle which began yesterday in the sector of Pozuelo de Alarcón, El Plantío and Las Rozas, continued throughout the night. German and Moroccan troops, supported by a large number of tanks strongly pressed the Government lines, it is admitted.

Government troops, however, were strongly entrenched and fiercely resisted. The defence was effective, it is claimed, and the insurgent losses very heavy, especially in the neighbourhood of Las Rozas.

An appeal to speed up the evacuation of the civil population of Madrid has been launched through all Government newspapers.

Major Carlos, Political Commissar of the Fifth Battalion, urges that a single command is now necessary to meet the situation and emphasises the importance of evacuating the women and children and all who are unable to serve directly or indirectly in the struggle.—*Reuter*.

SHENSI TROUBLE RECURS

REBELS RESENT DISCIPLINE SWIFT MOVE BY NANKING

Nanking, Jan. 8.

The Central Government troops which have been withdrawing from Shensi since Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's release last month, have been ordered to return to the troubled province immediately.

This development is a result of the defiant and unruly attitude adopted by General Chang Hsueh-liang's and General Yang Hu-chien's troops.

On the Huasuo front the Nationalists have repulsed a heavy attack by the Reds.

"A great attack is proceeding on the Madrid front and the rebels have occupied Las Rozas, el Portillo and other positions. Heavy casualties have been suffered, though the exact number is not known."

Steamer Stopped

Gibraltar, Jan. 7.

The Norwegian steamer Ibis was stopped in the Straits of Gibraltar this afternoon by a Spanish insurgent gunboat and was compelled to proceed to the insurgent port of Algeciras where her papers and cargo were inspected by the authorities.

The Ibis came from the insurgent port of Huelva and was bound for Mediterranean ports.—*Reuter*.

French Steamer Stopped

Marseilles, Jan. 7.

The master of the French freighter, Ville de Basile reports that an insurgent fishing smack fired a shot at the steamer.—*Reuter*.

GERMANY AND ITALY OPPOSE INTERVENTION

But Will Not Tolerate One-Sided Restriction DIRECT OR INDIRECT AID TO SPAIN MUST BE BANNED

London, January 7.

The German and Italian replies to the Anglo-French proposals concerning restriction of intervention in the Spanish civil war, have been received. Both Italy and Germany agree to co-operate, provided that other participating nations adopt the same attitude, that the question of indirect intervention is tackled immediately, and that all participating Governments agree to unconditional, effective control on the spot of all prohibitions agreed to.—*Reuter*.

THREE CONDITIONS

Berlin, Jan. 7.

The German reply to the Anglo-French proposals for the preservation of neutrality in Spain, makes three conditions to co-operation in further non-intervention efforts. The first condition is that other participating nations should adopt the same attitude; the second, that the question of indirect intervention shall immediately be tackled; and the third, that all participating Governments shall agree to unconditional, effective control of prohibitions to be agreed upon, such control to be carried out on the spot.

The German reply also urges the advisability of removing from Spain all non-Spanish participants in the civil war, including "political agitators and propagandists."

DEAD MAN MAY BE MURDERER

POLICE ON TRACK OF BRUTAL CRIME CLUE OF A £5 NOTE

London, Jan. 8.

A "fiver" passed across the counter of a Glasgow store during Christmas week has led to the solution of a crime which baffled police for more than five years.

On August 12, 1931, Mr. Robert Donald, in sole charge of the Clydebank, was found shot dead, his body brutally battered. He had been slain at point-blank range. A total of £1,325 had disappeared.

Police suspected that the murderer was an emigrant returned from the Continent.

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PRINCESS JULIANA OMITS PROMISE TO "OBEY"

The Hague, Jan. 7.

It is noteworthy that the pledge by the bride to be "obedient" was omitted from the marriage service at the wedding of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld.

On their return to the Palace in the afternoon, the couple appeared for a few minutes on the balcony and acknowledged the wild cheering of the huge crowd, which refused to be dispersed until the mounted police were called.

Members of both the Royal Families attended a banquet at the Palace in the evening, while the Duke of Kent, the Earl and Countess of Athlone and Captain and the Hon. Mrs. Abel-Smith were present at a banquet at the British Legation.

It is understood that the royal couple are to spend their honeymoon at Igls, a Tyrolean winter sports resort near Innsbruck, travelling thither in a special car attached to an express train.—*Reuter Special*.

STORY-BOOK ATMOSPHERE

The Hague, Jan. 7.

Princess Juliana made a radiant bride. She wore a gown of white velvet, with a glittering train and a bracelet containing 2,700 diamonds.

The whole ceremony had a story-book atmosphere, with golden and crystal State coaches, prancing steeds and brightly-uniformed cavalry escorts, and thousands of stately citizens.

Princess Juliana met Prince Bernhard.

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Alternative

After laying down the conditions mentioned above, the German reply adds that if no agreement is possible on the matter of prevention of other forms of indirect intervention, then Germany reserves the right to re-examine her attitude with regard to volunteers.

The German News Agency states that the German reply was drafted in agreement with the Italian Government, which is simultaneously giving a corresponding answer to the British and French request for an explanation of attitude with respect to the Spanish war.—*Reuter*.

Reply Forecast

Berlin, Jan. 7.

The terms of the German reply to the Anglo-French appeal for a non-intervention pact, which are to be handed over to-night to the Ambassadors concerned, are predicted in well-informed quarters. They will express Germany's readiness to prevent further volunteers going to Spain, but will raise the question of those already there. It is believed.

Germany will also ask for consideration of the question of gold placed at the disposal of the Spanish Government for war operations and Russian financial assistance.

The outstanding points of the German reply will probably be—*cont.*

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Paris shows you some of the new ways of Dressing up your clothes

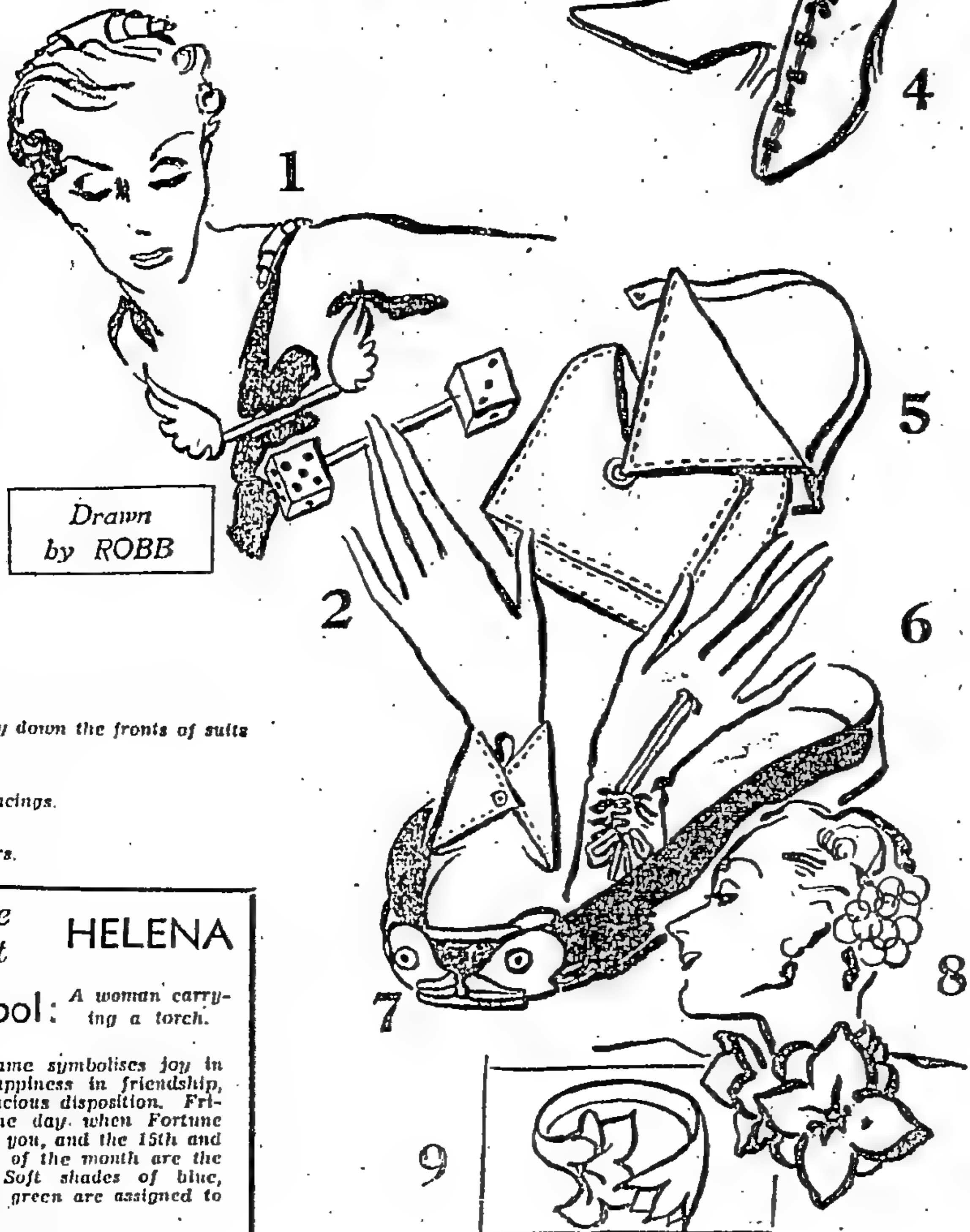
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Because the Parisienne inclines to black—whatever the fashion—she knows those accessories that best brighten up a mournful kit.

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That black dress you're bored with, last year's suit, the evening dress they've seen you in oh, so often, if you choose a well-styled gadget and wear it wisely, can seem new again. An expensive accessory is sometimes the cheapest way to make a change of clothes.

These were all seen around Paris, but there are places in London where you'll find the same sort of thing.



Drawn by ROBB

1. HEAD AND SHOULDER. Ornaments: rolls of gilt metal clip on.
2. DICE OR WING PINS. One end screws on. They were one or many down the fronts of suits or dresses.
3. FOOT AND HAND. Dressed alike in navy felt, with flashy silk laces.
4. VENETIAN BOOTS FOR EVENING. Rising high on the ankle and in bright colours.
5. STITCHED PIGSKIN. Enveloping glove and handbag. The bag is really square, cornered, and the top flaps open.
6. RUCHED GLOVE OF SUEDE. Lacing draws up the suede, ties at wrist.
7. EEL ROUND WAIST. Body is black suede, eel-heads of gold metal.
8. BUBBLES OF GLASS. Coloured, worn in the hair; they are fixed to a band which hides under the hair.
9. NECKPIECE OF SILK FLOWERS. Diagram shows how it is made. Get a white coloured flower-heads, twist back to show vivid blue faces.

Name Chart HELENA

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Apple Cheesecakes

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. apples; 1 egg; 102. castor sugar; 102. butter; nearly 102. stale cake crumbs; 1/2 lemon; cloves; cinnamon. Pastry: puff or flaky.

Cut the apples, unpeeled and uncored, into small pieces and stew them in a pulp with the sugar, lemon-rind, cloves, and a little water. Rub through a hair sieve and put back into the saucepan, where you must add the butter in the heat up again, stirring, then off the fire and cool, put in the crumbs and the egg well beaten.

Make some patties with your pastry, fill them three-parts full with the cold mixture and bake them in a hot oven for a quarter of an hour or a minute or two longer. Dredge with castor sugar when done. These cakes may be eaten hot as a sweet.

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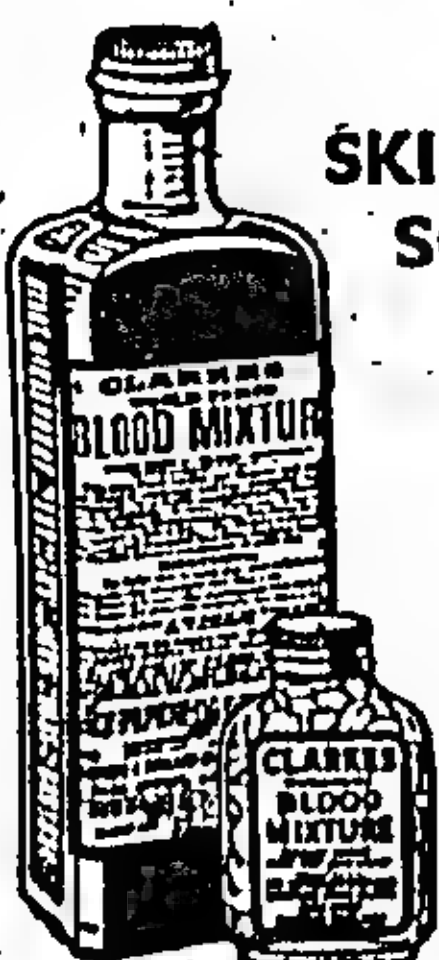
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Some are indigenous, but there is no reason why they could not be acclimatised, provided the conditions are favourable. After all, the potato comes from Virginia and the turkey from Illinois, though there is no doubt that both were known in other countries even more remote from all points of view.

What inspires these lines is the welcome news that in the distant future the grouse will lose its aloof exclusiveness, and more people will be able to enjoy shooting and eating this admirable bird—that is, if it prospers in its new home. It is announced that sixty grouse (thirty couples) have been imported from Scotland into Brittany, all marked with numbered aluminium rings.

The land chosen for this interesting attempt is that part near Redon and Vitre consisting of picturesque moors similar in many respects to those of Scotland and Yorkshire.

The shooting will, of course, be preserved all the time the experiment remains an experiment. After that, if it is successful, the gourmands of France will have one more bird to choose from when making their menus.

I can see also "pate de grouse" sharing with fole gras the honours of the cold table.

This is the time, by the way, to make our stock of pates of grouse, according to recipes. Cooked in a "terrine," covered with a coat of fat half an inch thick, and stored in a cool, dry place, they will keep for weeks and months. We shall be glad to have them when the grouse days are over.

With this pate, or indeed with a cold bird, one thing goes particularly well; a winter salad plainly dressed without mustard.

Salade d'Hiver

THIS is composed of watercress, beetroot and celery. Use only the top bouquet of the watercress, so that there is as little stalk as possible, and only the white and crisp heart of the celery.

Both the celery and the beetroot are cut in thin strips about two inches long, and there should be about two parts of watercress and one part each of celery and beetroot.

Dress only at the last minute with olive oil (two parts), wine vinegar (one part), salt and pepper. It will be all the better if the beetroot has been baked and not boiled.

Flamande

SERVED as a separate vegetable dish this salad is at its best.

Take some Belgian endives, and, having removed the outside leaves, wash and drain them well.

Cut the endives across in pieces about one inch long, and mix with the same quantity of cold boiled potatoes (the waxy yellow kind are better for this than floury ones).

Chop together one small onion and a little parsley, and sprinkle it all over in the salad bowl. The dressing is the ordinary plain one as before, but with the addition of a little English mustard.

Apple and Celery

A SALAD of a more elaborate nature, again to be served by itself. It is made with the white part of the celery cut into thin strips about two inches long, and eating apples which have been peeled and also cut into strips of the same size. Use one part of apple to two parts of celery.

The dressing is made with cream instead of oil, and lemon juice instead of vinegar, with a flavouring of tomato ketchup. Chop finely a few of the tender leaves (hardly green yet or apple green and yellow) of the celery, and sprinkle over the salad.

Nouveau-Monde

TAKE the same quantity of heart of white cabbage and of red cabbage; both should be finely shredded and all hard parts removed.

The red cabbage, shredded, is seasoned with salt and pepper, then boiling vinegar is poured over it and it is left a day to marinate before it is drained and used.

Dress the white cabbage separately with ordinary French dressing of oil, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Both cabbages are then disposed in the salad bowl neatly, according to

Beauty Box

THE week-end is the best time for doing those little jobs for your face, your hair, your hands, that there's never time for during the week.

If your skin feels tired, rough, or looks a bad colour, try this face pack. It's best done in the morning, or after lunch if you have an hour to spare. First of all wash your face thoroughly with water and a little soap, to be sure there's no trace of make-up left on it.

Then mix a handful of oatmeal (the ordinary toilet kind) with the juice of a lemon and enough milk to make it into a fairly firm paste. Smear this with your fingers all over your face and neck, spreading it on in a thick mask (and see that the little creases round your eyes and nose don't escape).

Leave it on until it hardens and dries. . . . you'll find that takes 20 minutes to half an hour. During this time you'll notice a strong drawing feeling all over your skin. That means that the dirt is being drawn out and your skin generally being tightened up.

Take the pack off with water, wash your face well, and rub in some feeding cream, doing a little massage in the process. This will counteract the astringent effects of the lemon, and (your skin being thoroughly cleaned) will work well in. Leave the cream on for a quarter of an hour.

HOUSEWIFE'S SCRAPBOOK

A READER asked how to clean a wooden draining board. Here is the reply:

The stains which accumulate on the wood are mainly grease-bound and removable by scrubbing with a suitable scouring mixture. All kinds of white wood in the kitchen—tables, shelves, etc., can be kept in perfect condition by the use of the following scouring paste which is quickly made up at home. In the proportions of 1/2 lb. each of silver sand, soft soap and whitening to one pint of warm water.

Place the whitening (crushed), sand, and soap in an old saucepan or metal basin, add the warm water, and heat very slowly over moderate gas flame until the ingredients amalgamate to a creamy consistency—stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon.

Pour off into an earthenware jar and cover. Use the paste in small spoonfuls in the place of soap when scrubbing or for scouring coarser kitchen utensils or greasy pans. Thorough rinsing is advisable in order to remove all trace of silver sand.

The main causes of "yellowing" and bad colour in white wood are the use of very hot water and household soaps or soda. Moderately warm water is best, with a final rinsing with clear cold water and thorough drying afterwards.

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An agreement for a tenancy from year to year, although it may last indefinitely, counts as a lease for less than three years and need not be made by deed.

All leases for more than three years must be made by deed under seal. Such leases are highly technical documents, and should always be prepared by a professional adviser. Suppose a tenant has entered premises under a lease for more than three years which was not made by deed. Although this is void as a lease, he may regard it as an agreement for a lease, and hold the premises as a tenant from year to year. He may also insist on being granted a valid lease on the same terms as the void one.



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BOY HELD WHILE TRUCKS PASSED

FORTY-SEVEN trucks laden with coal thundered along the railway line at Washington, Co. Durham. Suddenly the driver and fireman saw a tiny figure between the rails ahead.

It was a two-year-old boy playing among the sleepers heedless of the danger.

There was no time to stop the train. Shouting was of no use; the train was going at great speed.

Fireman George Steel, acted, dashed out of the cabin, clambered on to the engine buffers. He caught the child in time, and pushed him down with his foot so that the engine and leading trucks passed safely over him.

DRIVER JUMPS

Meanwhile Driver Thomas Bartlett had reduced speed, at great personal risk he jumped between the trucks and held the terrified boy close to the permanent way while the rest of the trucks went over their heads.

The child, shaken but unhurt, was sent home. Driver and fireman carried on with their job.

This was the story told by South Shields mayor, Councillor Charles Smith, when he presented N.S.P.C.C. diplomas to Bartlett and Steel.

Dance Bands' Ultimatum

BETTER B.B.C. TERMS
OR NO BROADCASTS

Paying To Go "On The Air"

Dance band leaders, at a meeting in London recently, decided to reject the B.B.C.'s new financial terms for broadcasting, and to intimate plainly that, unless these terms are amended, they will refuse to broadcast after January 1.

This decision, which was unanimous, was reached by the recently-formed Dance Band Leaders' Association. The meeting was attended by 72 members of the Association, representing all the best-known bands in the country and many of the members had travelled long distances from the provinces. Mr. Jack Hylton presided.

According to one speaker, the B.B.C.'s proposals would mean that many bands would be "paying something for going on the air, instead of being paid something."

The terms offered by the B.B.C. for bands broadcasting from London studios were outlined by Mr. A. M. Wall, Hon. Secretary of the Association. They are:

40-50 minute session, £2 10s. in respect of each member of the band, plus £5 allowance towards orchestration;

55-65 minutes, £3 each, plus £7 orchestration allowance;

Outside broadcasts, two-thirds fee;

Empire broadcasts, 75 per cent. fee;

Provisional broadcasts, percentage to be decided.

BANDS' TERMS
On the other hand, the terms suggested by the Provisional Committee of the Association for a 60-minute broadcast are:

8 players, 40 guineas, 5 guineas each new orchestration.

12 players, 60 guineas, 6 guineas each new orchestration.

16 players, 80 guineas, 7 guineas each new orchestration.

20 players, 100 guineas, 8 guineas each new orchestration.

Mr. Wall pointed out that the B.B.C., under their new policy, intended to take action to enforce the terms of contracts. The method of enforcement would be in co-operation with the music publishers, who had pledged themselves not to supply free orchestration.

MEANS A FIGHT
Mr. Wall protested further against the arrangement for a monthly meeting between a committee of the B.B.C. and publishers' representatives, to decide what should be in the dance band programmes.

Mr. Jack Payne expressed the view that it was "going to mean a fight."

After a long discussion, during which every aspect of the dispute was reviewed, the Provisional Committee was instructed to request the B.B.C. to amend their offer regarding fees. The committee is to report to the Association before December 20.

to decide whether bridge and poker were lawful games.

Mr. T. Springer (defending) intimated that he did not intend to call evidence. He submitted that Mr. Woolf had paid, on behalf of Mr. Freeman, sums won by other players at an unlawful game, and the money was therefore, irrecoverable.

NERVE STRESS OF MODERN LIFE

Supposed Cause of Internal Ill

BODY CONTROL BY SMALL GLAND

The theory that the increased prevalence of duodenal ulcers in the modern world might be due to the greater nervous and mental strain under which we live was discussed by Professor E. Mellanby, secretary of the Medical Research Council, when he lectured at the Royal Institution, London, on "Chemical Messengers of the Body."

It had been suggested, Professor Mellanby stated, that there was some connection between the "posterior lobe" of the pituitary gland beneath the brain and such ulcers; and the theory about nervous strain would, he thought, bring "some kind of sense" into the suggested connection. Professor Mellanby also referred to the "life saving" use of a particular extract from the pituitary in cases of hemorrhage after child-birth.

ACTIVE PITUITARY

In all, he mentioned eight different substances, all of which are known to be manufactured within the body by the pituitary and which control such varied functions as growth and the production of sugar by the body. Although the functions of the pituitary were not normally of a life-and-death character, all these substances were now being used by doctors to carry out their specific functions, he added.

To illustrate the control of growth exercised by the pituitary, Professor Mellanby showed a photograph of a boy of 18 who stood 8 feet 4 inches and weighed 28 stone. In the photograph the boy's father, who Professor Mellanby explained was only an inch under six feet, could be seen stretched to his full height and still falling, by some four inches, to reach to his son's shoulder.

After an X-ray photograph had been taken to aid his doctor's diagnosis, the boy had picked up the photographer under his arm and walked out with him from the consulting room. This condition was due to over-activity of part of the pituitary.

"There is hardly a physiological function of the body," he stated, "which is not influenced, in one way or another, by one of the chemicals produced by the cells in this very small gland at the base of the brain."

Rose Without Thorns

Attica, New York, Dec. 28.
THE thornless rose, dream of flower lovers for centuries, has arrived.

It has been developed here from a single chance plant that "just happened to grow that way," according to an Attica horticulturist, Mr. Edward C. Siroh.

After working for three years to develop a thornless rose, he came upon a single plant quite free from thorns.

But how, why and when it became thornless Mr. Siroh cannot explain.

BRIDGE A GAME OF SKILL

Bridge is a game of skill; whether poker is to be regarded as such is questionable, declared Mr. Justice Macnaghten giving judgment in the King's Bench Division in an unsuccessful action to recover money lent to pay card debts.

"I always understood," he added, "that bluff is the monosyllabic quality useful in poker."

Sydney Alexander Woolf, proprietor of the Dorchester Bridge Club, Willesden Lane, N.W., sued Max Richard Gray Freeman, of Woodchurch Road, West Hampstead, for £52 10s. 2d., the balance of money lent and the cost of food supplied.

Alternatively he claimed £33 10s. as the amount of a dishonoured cheque given him by Freeman but drawn by another person and £10 0s. 2d., the balance of money lent and food supplied.

Judgment for Mr. Woolf for £4 0s. 2d. was entered, with no order as to costs.

"IRRECOVERABLE"
Mr. Charles Doughty, K.C., for Mr. Woolf, said the money was largely paid by Mr. Woolf to cover losses incurred by Freeman. It raised an interesting question under the gaming Acts. The judge might have

Mother Kills To Avenge Her Daughter

Paris, Dec. 31.
HOW a man, his wife, and his step-daughter quarrelled as to which of them should murder a dentist to avenge the family honour was described by forty-year-old Mme. Praprian Sarasin to Examining Magistrate Bru at the Palace of Justice in Paris to-day.

Her confession ended a fifteen-hour investigation by Paris police into the death of Setark-Sassouni, forty-one-year-old dentist, found shot in his surgery in the Rue de Valenciennes.

Said Mme. Sarasin: "I killed Setark-Sassouni to avenge the honour of my family."

She said that last Sunday her nineteen-year-old daughter Anladi revealed that two months ago when she went to Setark-Sassouni's surgery as a patient he drugged and assaulted her.

Anladi's step-father threatened to commit suicide at first. He had been dishonoured. But nineteen-year-old Anladi wanted to do the avenging with a revolver. She added: "Then I will shoot myself."

But her mother said: "No. Revenge is my duty."

LIVING MARSH PLANTS

SWAMPS WHERE PREHISTORIC PLANTS SURVIVE

By A Special Correspondent

THE latest discoveries of living "prehistoric" plants by the Botanical and Zoological Institute of the Debrecen University in Hungary have caused a sensation in the scientific world.

Dr. Rezsó Soos, head of the institute, recently led an expedition to the marshy regions of Batorliget, near the Rumanian frontier, the fauna and flora of which have never been subject to close investigation.

Though the existence there of living marsh plants and animals was always suspected, it has now been definitely ascertained. The same phenomena have been noted in certain altitudes of the Norwegian mountains.

Batorliget is believed, however, to be the only flat stretch of land in the world, surrounded by fields and villages, where owing to the swampy character of the ground, the damp climate, the lack of sunshine, and the continual mist, the flora and fauna have remained the same as some 10,000 years ago. Ten miles away from these swamps such flowers and animals could not exist.

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Who Is General Astray?

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I have read in the Hongkong Telegraph of January 5, the following item:

"What's in a name?—I see, by the way, that he (Franco) has just appointed a new Minister of Propaganda in his Burgos Government. Belike it or not, the new Minister's name is General Astray."

Should the author of these lines know who Millan Astray is, he would not have written such a thing. For General Astray is one of the most conspicuous and well-deserving officers of the Spanish Army. He has a brilliant military career. During the war in Morocco he was wounded four times; in the third one Astray lost his left arm and in the fourth the right eye.

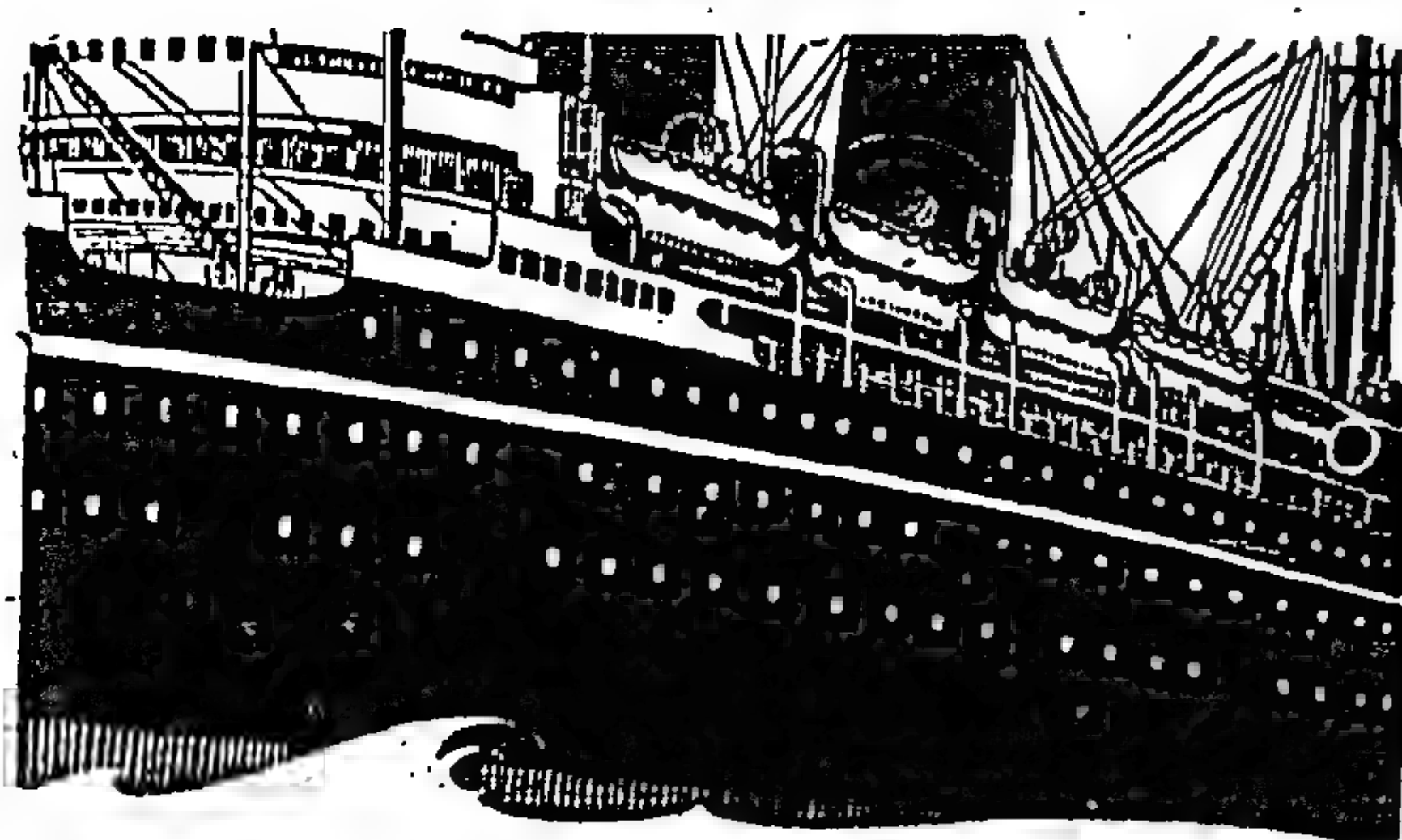
Nor is it the first time he undertakes the work of Propaganda. In the year 1920 he was invited by the Spanish colonies of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay and in the following year by those of the United States, Cuba and Mexico to give lectures, what General Astray accomplished with great success. Recently, broadcasting from Salamanca, he said to the soldiers fighting in the sector of Madrid:

"Because you are requetes (young men of the Carlist Party) you are good Christians, good soldiers and gentlemen. Nothing will be more severely punished than acts of cruelty and plunder. When you enter Madrid, you must be valiant, but at the same time humanitarian and upright."

A man of such feelings deserves, I think, more respect on behalf of a journalist.

M. SANCHEZ.

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21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 15, 1916.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 11.5/16d.

Wor. Bro. S. Bell Smith was installed as Master of the Star of Southern China Lodge of Freemasons at Shamen.

Mr. John Wilkie established himself as an importer and exporter under the firm name of John Wilkie and Company.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation declared a final dividend of £2 3s. per share and a bonus of 5s.

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"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Numerous Christmas and New Year celebrations will be pictured in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement. These will include the fancy dress dance at the Peak Club, Midway officers' dinner dance, parties at the Water Police Station and the Hongkong Sanitarium and Hospital.

Several wedding groups will appear, and amongst other pictures will be one of surviving Chinese scholars in Hongkong who won merit under the old Manchu examinations, and another of a dinner to mark the first Christmas tour to Hongkong by the Philippines Travel Bureau. There will also be a portrait of the late Mr. George H. Potts.

The Supplement will contain results of last week's Children's Competition with details of a new contest for the kiddies.

T.T. Germany	75 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	132
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/4
T.T. Lisbon	6 1/2

Buying

4 m/s. L/C. London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s. D.P.	1/3.7/32
4 m/s. L/C. U.S.A.	31
4 m/s. France	6 1/2
30 d/a. India	8 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.91 1/4

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.	
H. K. \$1,865 b.	
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.).	\$111 n.
Chartered Bank, £14 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	£32 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, C.	£14 1/2 n.
East Asia Bank, \$88 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$310 n.	
Union Ins., \$616 b.	
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.	
H. K. Fire, \$300 n.	
Internat'l Assoc., Sh. \$3 1/2 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglas, \$30 n.	
H. K. Steamships, \$7.40 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$35 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$35 n.	
Shell (Bearer), 19 1/2 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$10 1/2 n.	
Docks etc.	
H. K. Wharves (old), \$107 n.	
H. K. & W. Docks, \$14 b.	
Providents (old), \$170 n.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$30 n.	
Mining	
Kailan Mining Ad., 16/3 n.	
Raub, \$13 n.	
Venz: Goldfield \$8 n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamoks, P. 175	
Aboks, P. 54	
Baguio Gold, \$44.50 n.	
Balacot Min., P. 14 1/2	
Benguet Consols, P. 14	
Benguet Expl., \$34 1/2 b.	
Big Wedges, P. 37 1/2	
Consolidated Mines, P. .04 1/2	
Demonstrations, \$1.35 n.	
Ipo Gold, P. 32	
I. X. L., P. 1.80	
Itogons, P. 175	
Masbate Cons., P. 52	
Northern Min., P. 21 1/2	
Paracale Gumrus, P. 36	
Salacot Min., P. .07 1/2	
San Mauricio, P. 3.25	
Suyoc Consols, P. .53	
United Paracale, P. 1.50	
Coco Grove, \$1.65	
Gum. Golds, P. 35	
Min. Res., P. 44	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$6 b.	
H. K. Lands, \$34 b.	
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.	\$105 n.
Sh'hai Lands, Sh. \$16 n.	
Motropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10. n.	
Humphries, \$9 1/2 n.	
H. K. Realities, \$4.75 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$76 n.	
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.	
China Debentures, Sh. \$50 n.	
Public Utilities	
H. K. Tramways, \$13/13.10 n.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$6 1/2 n.	
Peak Trams, (new), \$2 3/4 n.	
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 n.	
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$25 n.	
China Lights, \$13.60 b.	
China Lights, (new), \$10.40 n.	
H. K. Electric, \$56 1/2 n.	
Macao Electric, \$20 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$10 n.	
Telephone (old), \$30 1/4 b.	
Telephone (new), \$11 n.	
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Athens	350	350
Milan	93.9/32	93 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.91 1/4	4.91 1/4
Amsterdam	8.87 1/4	8.87 1/4
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague	140 1/2	140 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Montreal	4.01	4.01
Brussels	29.13 1/4	29.13 1/4
Yokohama	1/1.59/64	1/1.59/64
Belgrade	213	213
Monte Video	39 1/2	39 1/2
Rio	4 1/4	4 1/4
Bucharest	670	670
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Lane Crawfords, \$5 1/2 n.
Sinceres, \$2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.
Cotton Mills
Divo Cottons, Sh. \$15 1/2 n.
Sh'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 b.
Sh'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 b.
Zong Sing, \$31 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$36 n.
Miscellaneous
H. K. Entertainments, \$33 1/2 n.
Constructions (old), \$1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new), 4 1/2 cts. n.
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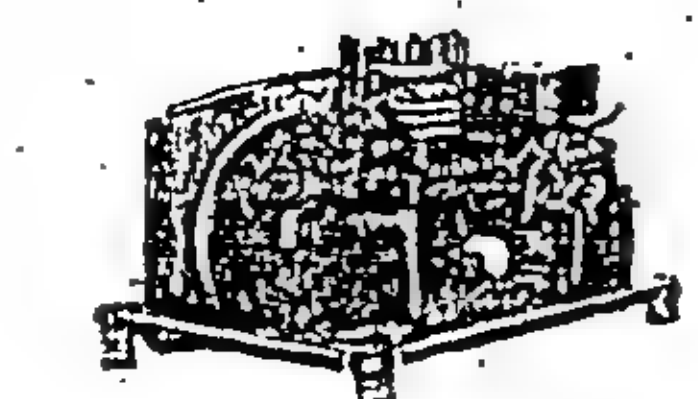
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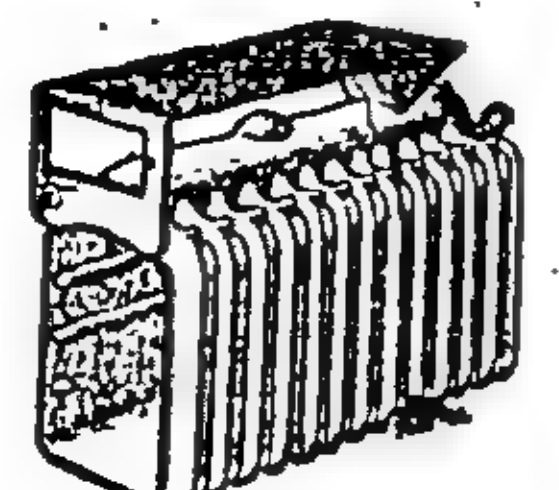
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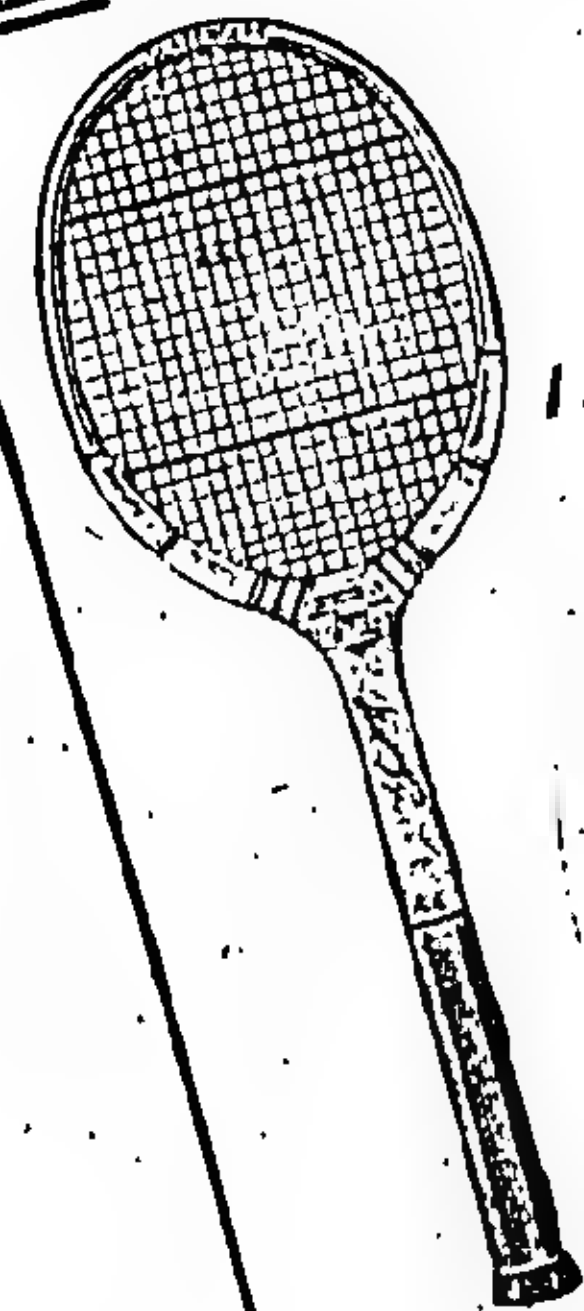
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Mrs. Potts and her sons, and Mr. P. C. Potts, thank all friends who attended the funeral of the late Mr. G. H. Potts and sent floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of their sad bereavement, as well as those who forwarded donations to local charities in his memory.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1937.

NAVAL RESERVE STRENGTH

In the defence discussions which have been taking place at Home recently, attention has been drawn to the necessity of further regard being paid to the Royal Naval Reserve and to the manning of the Merchant Navy. Figures show that the Reserve, a force of professional seamen drawn from the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets, now has an authorised establishment of about 7,000, which is a decline of some 12,000 compared with the strength in 1914. It is pointed out that in the event of any future hostilities at sea, hundreds of auxiliary vessels from the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleets would still be required for naval purposes. These would include armed merchant cruisers, escort ships, armed boarding steamers, mine-sweepers, trawlers for patrol purposes, drifters, tugs, yachts, motor craft, and many others. Obviously the Navy could not hope to man this concourse of vessels with its own resources, nor could the R.N.R. with its present slender establishment. A naval correspondent states that the R.N.R. might lend a hand; but the 14,500 men of the Royal Fleet Reserve, seamen or stokers who have served in the Navy on short or special engagements, would probably be required for the first-line fighting ships. Moreover, not all the 25,500 pensioners under the age of fifty-five and still available for service, would be suitable for seagoing vessels. It is clear that in the event of any future national emergency the Merchant Navy would be called upon to provide a substantial quota of men for naval service. The fact remains, however, that not even the R.N.R. could be called out without immobilising many merchant ships. The Merchant Navy literally has no men to spare. The Dominions and some of the Colonies, Hongkong amongst the number, have Naval Reserves in one form or another, but they could never be expected to supply more than a small fraction of the seamen who would be required in war. So far as the Merchant Navy is concerned, a correspondent emphasises that it is a national service as well as an industry, and its strength and efficiency is every bit as important as the strength of the Navy which protects it. Without it, the Mother Country would starve, its essential industries be forced to

In the Steps of ST. PAUL



THIS FINE DRAWING FORMS THE COVER DESIGN OF H. V. MORTON'S NEW BOOK.

WHILE Boadicea was giving the young Imperial colony of Britain the scare of its life, an ageing missionary was preaching a new and revolutionary belief to a few fervent followers in the cellars of Rome.

For over thirty years he had tramped and sometimes ridden the highways of what we now call the Near East, taking ship now and again, journeying always farther and farther afield, suffering wreck and imprisonment and mockery and sickness for the faith that was in him.

A fiercely enduring figure, he had never ceased to exhort the brethren and to carry a startling and perplexing sense of sin to an indifferent world. And now, having fought a good fight, he was finishing his course. Saul of Tarsus, to be known thereafter as St. Paul.

He knew, as the first world-historian has said, that he had found the Nazarenes with a spirit and a hope, and that he was leaving them Christians with the beginning of a creed. But he could not know that the religion which owed its organising genius to him more than to any other man would persist for century after century, permeating the world, inspiring love and hate, devotion and intolerance, persecution

To-day's Thought—

I'll put a girdle round the earth.

—PUCK.

and martyrdom, beauty and ugliness, life and death, peace and war.

Some eighteen hundred and seventy years later an Englishman stood in the office of a Turkish frontier station and answered the questions of a highly suspicious police official who wanted to know what he was doing there.

"I have come to see Tarsus," he said. The official wanted to know why. "Because I am writing a book about St. Paul," he answered, shattering the Turk's morale. The book which he wrote is published to-day—*In the Steps of St. Paul*, by H. V. Morton (Rich and Cowan, 7s. 6d.).

"H. V. M." is the first author who has followed the great missionary through all his recorded journeyings. It took him two years, and he covered over ten thousand miles, so that he might evoke in imagination the world of *The Acts of the Apostles* and contrast the cities of St. Paul's time with their state to-day.

His story appears as a companion volume to *In the Steps of the Master*, the wideness of whose appeal, incidentally, may be measured by the fact that

over a quarter of a million copies have been sold within two years.

From the very first paragraphs of the book you are made pleasantly aware of that talent for creating atmosphere which makes "H. V. M." such a friendly guide.

"I went on deck before sunrise. The storm had backed to the north-west, the sky was clear and the ship rolled in a long, sullen swell. I hoped to see the pin-prick of the lighthouse on Mount Carmel, but we were still too far from land."

"St. Paul must have known this moment: the grey light, the last star, the cold wind, the rusty cargo, the smell of beasts and tar, the smooth pressing forward and the rhythmic hiss of water running back along the sides of the ship. It was good to stand on deck, thinking that this might be the *Castor* and *Pollux*."

"After all, the Mediterranean coast has not changed much since Roman times. These ships still carry corn from Egypt and leave Cyprus in summer, heavy with pomegranates, the fruit of Aphrodite. As they pass slowly south from Alexandria, which is now the port of Antioch, they stir old memories, and the ghosts of the Siden beckon vainly as they pass."

Jerusalem . . . Damascus . . .

Antioch . . . Iconium . . . Mitylene . . . Philippi . . . Athens . . . Corinth . . . Ephesus . . . Malta . . . Rome. The traveller's sensitive and sympathetic eye selects the significant feature in the passing landscape—lizard-haunted ruins, thriving capitals, vast, weed-covered quays, busy bazaars, forgotten temples and remembered plains.

Although the motor-car and the railway inevitably facilitated "H. V. M.'s" pilgrimage, the Apostle had two great advantages over a twentieth-century wayfarer in the Near East. He journeyed always by an Imperial route—and he could be understood in one tongue, Greek, everywhere.

"What was to St. Paul a progress along the best-known roads of the Roman Empire, becomes, to the modern traveller, a series of explorations from the beaten track. The harbour of Antioch is desolate, and Ephesus is a nesting-place for the stork."

But the author's perseverance brought him—and his readers—a rich harvest not only in unusual, and occasionally trying, experiences, but in provoking and cautionary glimpses of the "glories" of the past.

Antioch, for example. When St. Paul visited it the city was the third largest in the world. The main street was four and a half miles long, with a central passage for horse traffic and chariots and two covered colonnades for pedestrians.

Miles of marble-paved roads crossed it at right angles, after the fashion of Alexandria. And its citizens enjoyed the amenities of swimming-pools, vast pleasure-gardens, central heating, plumbing—and flood-lighting.

"Something that we associate with Venice in the eighteenth century, with Paris in the nineteenth century and with Hollywood to-day, with its dedication of youth and beauty, distinguished Antioch then. It was up to date, amusing, elegant and wicked, and its epigrams could go a long way to make or mar a reputation."

In these pages it is easy for us to imagine what St. Paul must have met in such a scene—the fury of the Pharisees, the zeal of the new believers, the tolerance of the sophisticated Greeks and Romans to whom he was merely the latest of "those wandering god-makers."

That, to me, is the outstanding virtue of this book—the apparently artless fashion in which the writer calls up the past and, by quiet suggestion, urges us to reflect on the significance of those fallen civilisations to our own.

But, apart from that, there is the continual entertainment of a mind always ready to respond to the unexpectedness of things, to see the humorous side of an awkward situation and, above all, to sense the character of men and women from Saul of Tarsus to the "Arab" mother who handed "H. V. M." her swaddled child to hold.

That is why we should all, whatever our creed or faith, follow him. *In the Steps of St. Paul*.

a review by ROGER PIPPETT

Learn Another Language

DURING the past few weeks I have been lamenting the fact that the good intentions I formed about this time last year were not carried out. I resolved then to learn Spanish, provided myself with the necessary elementary books, and might have been heard on the deck of a Liberton car any morning or evening in August and September muttering strange sounds. Had I persevered I should now be able to follow on the wireless accounts of the Spanish civil war.

The year before I learned some Italian, which, improved by attendance at the Continuation Classes in the Royal High School and by listening to the lessons broadcast from Rome, enabled me to get the gist of Italian news bulletins during the Abyssinian war.

The learning of a new language for general reading and conversational purposes is not nearly so difficult as most people suppose. Once one has acquired the pronunciation and the elements of grammar, progress depends on regular, hard work.

In my opinion, unless one happens to be an expert linguist and phone-

close down for lack of raw materials, and Britain would become isolated from the other nations of the Empire. With these facts in mind, the need for an immediate inquiry into the strength both of the Royal Naval Reserve and the Merchant Navy becomes a matter of urgency. It is to be hoped that this fact is fully realised by those in charge of the nation's and Empire's defences.

lian, it is quite impossible to acquire a reasonably correct pronunciation from books. My advice is to take the elementary language class at the Royal High School, and try to attend regularly. Not only will you have a chance to master the pronunciation as illustrated by expert teachers, but you will soon learn enough grammar and vocabulary to read simple books and portions of foreign newspapers, a number of which are on sale in Edinburgh.

Be Thorough

Whatever you do, learn every word, phrase, and rule thoroughly, as a careless habit, once formed, is hard to eradicate. Foreigners are much more polite than we are, but they must laugh inwardly when they hear us talking like children of two. Keep a notebook of words and refer to it often, and don't forget that gender is important.

As I have said, I find the tramping an excellent place in which to rehearse what I think I have learned at home. In my own case, I spend an average of five hours a week travelling to and from the office—enough time in itself, if employed throughout the year, to learn the fourth part of a language.

Don't be afraid of dipping into a novel studying. You will find it beyond your complete comprehension at first, but with the aid of a dictionary you will be able to read and enjoy a surprising number of pages. Be wary of assuming that because a word is spelt like an English one it carries the same meaning. When you have translated a paragraph or chapter to your satisfaction, write it down in English, close the book, and put your translation back into

the language. And read long stretches aloud over and over again.

Then I accumulate foreign catalogues and railway publications to inform myself of current usage. This helps to correct the tendency to proceed along purely literary lines. As my comprehension of the language becomes more certain I tend to specialise. First I master the food and drink vocabularies, those essential for intelligent travelling by bus, car, tram, and steamer, sight-seeing, currency, shopping, and any aspect of the foreign life in which I am particularly interested.

Wireless Aid

Perhaps the first real difficulty the beginner experiences is what I might call "getting the wave-length of the language." Foreigners seem to speak so much faster than we do. We catch a word here and there, and become tongue-tied when a reply is expected. Listen to the wireless and good gramophone records as often as you can, and don't worry if it all sounds "double-dutch." After a few weeks the seeming agglomeration of words will disentangle themselves. You will begin to understand, and, what is equally important, you will acquire correct intonation.

Make the acquaintance of foreigners resident in this country. There are many more of them than you might suppose. They will be delighted to help you—in return for your English. Join the French and Spanish circles. Go to Leth docks and interview sailors. And last, but not least, make up your mind to spend your next year's holiday in the country which speaks the language. The anticipation will help you through many difficulties, the realisation give you zest for more advanced study.

E. T.

"Telegraph" Representative Tells What It Feels Like To Go — BEHIND THE SCENES IN AN R.A.F. MOCK ATTACK ON H.K. FORTRESS MOBILE DEFENCES WARD OFF "ENEMY" IN A.A. EXERCISES

Newspaperman's Flights

Special to "Telegraph"

FOR two months Hongkong has been exercising the anti-aircraft defences of its garrison—the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force participating.

Since mid-November, war stations have been manned by certain sections of Hongkong's defence forces for manoeuvres, just ended, which have systematically tested our defences against air attack.

By courtesy of the Army and Royal Air Force authorities, Hongkong "Telegraph" reporters and photographers have been afforded generous facilities for witnessing these operations.

The initial part of the manoeuvres, which concluded in mid-December, included almost daily attacks upon strategic parts of the Colony by Royal Air Force machines.

No attempt was made to "repel" the invaders by aerial defence, the manoeuvres being for the purpose of testing anti-aircraft defences on the ground.

For this purpose, stations were taken up by the Army's A. A. section aground, and included the manning of searchlights and mobile anti-aircraft guns.

"Telegraph" representatives participated in several of these tests.

In the first instance, (writes a "Telegraph" representative who witnessed the manoeuvres) I was allowed access to an anti-aircraft practice camp on the Stanley Peninsula, where six A.A. guns, and an equal number of searchlights, were mounted. This position is only one of many scattered throughout the Colony. Due to the limitations imposed by the Treaty of Washington (the Naval clauses of which, however, expired on December 31) they were only temporary positions, the guns and searchlights being mobile.

Each night, invading Royal Air Force planes flew over the position at heights varying from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.

In order to test the accuracy of the defences, "live" shells were used by the gun crews. Safety of the pilot in the machines was assured by setting the time-fuse in the shells in such a manner that the shells exploded approximately 1,000 feet below the planes.

To the onlookers below, however, it was a fascinating sight. At 4,000 feet, the sickly-red shell bursts appeared to be exploding all around the planes.

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In order to conserve ammunition (it costs £4 each time a gun is fired) a slow rate of fire was maintained by the gunners. Nevertheless, at the one position alone, something like 20 shots were fired each minute while the "enemy" planes hovered overhead. This was repeated in several strategic positions throughout the Colony.

I was informed by a military officer that, with the modern anti-aircraft weapons now available in Hongkong, it is possible to lay a veritable barrage around hostile planes. Hongkong is ideally situated for anti-aircraft defence, owing to the numerous high mountains surrounding strategic points.

Through the courtesy of Royal Air Force authorities, I was also able to participate in the actual "attacks" on Hongkong. By permission of the authorities, I made two flights in R.A.F. machines over the Colony, one by night and the second by day. Each flight lasted three hours, during which we flew a distance roughly equal to that between Hongkong and Manila.

TAKE-OFF FROM KAI TAK

On the first flight we—an R.A.F. pilot and myself—took off from the Kai Tak Base at 6.15 p.m., and rapidly gaining height, flew out of sight of the Colony towards Macao.

At a preconcerted time, we commenced our "attack" on the Colony. Searchlights picked us up almost immediately, and from then, until the time we landed, we were never out of range of those blinding streaks of light, unless we were outside Colony waters. Several times we left the Colony and travelled far out to sea, to attempt an "attack" from a new direction. But each time we returned we were picked up by the searchlights first by one and then by several others. Far away, in other parts of Hongkong, we saw other searchlights holding steadfast to small, white objects which were other R.A.F. "attackers."

To obviate the risk of collision, "attackers" flew at various heights.

We were at the ceiling—8,000 feet—and in mid-December it was bitterly cold, even in the snug, fur-lined overalls provided by the R.A.F.

DAYTIME FLIGHT

On the following day, the flight took place between 9 and 11 a.m. From our height we could see the whole of Hongkong, and in the distance Macao appeared as a small dot.

The day-time flight was for the purpose of testing range-finders and other instruments, and for two hours we flew steadily over gun-emplacements—many of them so cunningly hidden that they were invisible to us.

Both flights were unique, inasmuch as the "Telegraph" is the first newspaper to receive permission from the authorities for members of its staff to make flights over Hongkong's defences.

What newspapermen saw, both on the ground and from the air, is a revelation of the thoroughness of local defence measures, which have been placed on as reassuring footing as has been possible within the limitations imposed by the Washington Treaty.

CONTINUED IN SPRING

The fortress training period has actually only commenced. In the spring it will be continued by the garrison as a whole.

Among those who will participate will be the First Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, who arrived here yesterday from Palestine, where they were on Active Service for so many months.

Meanwhile, there will be a general exodus of warships from the Colony during the remainder of this week.

They are en route to Singapore and when they anchor there they will represent, according to the Singapore Free Press, the largest concentration of warships ever to visit that harbour.

H.M.S. Hermes and H.M.S. Dorsetshire, which departed on Monday, will not be returning to Hongkong. They will be replaced by H.M.S. Eagle and H.M.S. Suffolk.

H.M.S. Eagle is replacing the smaller aircraft carrier on China Station, while H.M.S. Suffolk is returning here after an extensive refit at a cost of £253,000. Dorsetshire is proceeding home for an identical refit.

H.M.S. Cumberland, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little, is also proceeding to Singapore.

The full list of vessels due there from Hongkong is, according to the Singapore Free Press, as follows:

Cruisers: H.M.S. Cumberland, Dorsetshire, Suffolk Aircraft Carriers: H.M.S. Eagle, Hermes.

Destroyers: H.M.S. Duncan, Dartmouth, Diamond, Diana, Delight, Duchess, Decoy, Defender, Westcott. Submarines: H.M.S. Medway (Mother Ship), Oswald, Parthian, Regulus, Pandora, Regent, Cairn, Phoenix, Olympus, Proteus, Perseus, Rainbow.

Sloops: H.M.S. Lowestoft, Falmouth.

These warships, with the exception of Hermes and Dorsetshire, will return to Hongkong in the spring, when combined operations will commence.



Before the take-off, Flight Lt. J. E. M. MacCallum (seated) explains to the "Telegraph" representative the route to be taken in the "attack" on Hongkong.

WAR OFFICE WILL ISSUE GAS MASKS IN HONGKONG BUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST PRODUCE ITS OWN "Telegraph" Staff Reporter

ALTHOUGH newspapers and the public are not for the present being informed of the steps that will be taken by the Air Raids Precautions Committee to safeguard Hongkong against gas attack, the "Telegraph" learns that several important schemes have been adopted.

The schemes, as disclosed by the "Telegraph" some time ago, include: the adequate protection of selected buildings in the Colony; earmarking of the first second floors of certain public and private buildings for rapid conversion into gas shelters; supply of effective gas masks to the populace; centralising of food supplies and organisation of Committee to distribute food to the populace; mass displacement of sections of the populace into the hills surrounding the city.

An unofficial but reliable estimate places the total cost of safeguarding Hongkong against the menace of gas at approximately \$1,500,000. This does not include the cost of naval, army or air force defence.

While the Committee is investigating the most satisfactory methods for Hongkong, the Services are proceeding with their own arrangements. I understand, for instance, the military authorities in London are providing effective gas masks of the latest pattern for all personnel in Hongkong likely to be employed by the War Department in the event of any emergency in this Colony. This personnel will, of course, include any civilians co-opted by the military authorities.

Alive to the danger that threatens the Colony if it is ever attacked from the air, the St. John Ambulance Brigade has already put into practice a systematic training of all its members, numbering over 700, and each week dozens of these voluntary nurses and ambulance bearers have gone through the military and naval gas chamber. They are equipped with service gas masks loaned by the authorities.

MAKE GAS MASKS HERE?

Plans are still under discussion. I understand, for the manufacture of gas masks in Hongkong, and several local rubber goods manufacturers were approached some time ago regarding the project. In any case, Hongkong factories will be only able to manufacture the rubber masks, and it will still be necessary to import the service containers from England.

These cannot be manufactured locally, as their contents are a secret known only to the highest officials in England.

I am reliably informed that Lt. Col. W.T.O. Crewdson, R.A., has been appointed Anti Aircraft Defence Commander in Hongkong as from January 1.

This Officer is already Commander of the Fifth Anti Aircraft Brigade, stationed in this Colony, from which it may be assumed that his responsibilities have been considerably extended.

Appearing on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, a 29-year-old unemployed man, Ng Kwai, was sentenced to six months' hard labour on a charge of unlawful possession of a silver silver worth \$12. Defendant was arrested on Monday when he tried to sell the silver to a marine hawker in Circular Quay. The owner of the silver is still being looked for. Defendant has a bad police record.

Hongkong Coronation Delegation

"TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL
GOVERNMENT will shortly announce the composition of a Delegation from the Colony to London for the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

The delegation is not likely to be a large one, and it is understood, may consist of only those who nominally would be in London next May.

Two such residents have, it is understood, already been chosen as members of the Delegation.

Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps who will be in England on leave next May are also asked to participate in a parade in London. It is believed that a considerable number of members of the H.K.V.C. and H.K.N.V.C. will be on leave, and arrangements are being made to forward their uniforms to London, should they assent to participation in the ceremonies.

The entire delegation from London, however, will be much smaller than those which preceded Home for the Coronations of King Edward VII and King George V.

Fourteen sub-committees are in charge of arrangements for the celebration of the Coronation in Hongkong.

A feature of the local programmes will be a combined Review of all the Services.

Coronation Day—May 12—will be declared a public holiday.

11 INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Shanghai, Jan. 8.
Eleven persons were seriously injured last night in an explosion in a rubber factory in Chapel, which was followed by a fire. The main portion of the plant was destroyed. The workers panicked when the walls crumbled and the roof fell in.

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7.32 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.37 p.m. Variety Items. Vocal—Carry me back to the Lohe Prairie... The Hill Billies. Vocal—Lights out... Greta Keller. Vocal—Let's sing again... Bobbie Breen. Vocal—Oh Sarah! Oh 'Enery!... Tommy Handley and Jean Allistone.

7.50 p.m. From the Studio. Harry G. Aston and his Piano-Accordion.

South American Joe; Poema; Donauwaller; Moonlight in Rio de Janeiro.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Light Cavalry—Overture (Suppe); Buffoon (Confrey); Jazz Nocturne ("My Silent Love"), (Suesse).

8.15 p.m. From the Studio. A Recital by Mae Eng Bunn (piano-forte), Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and Arsenio Tobias (Violin).

1. Soprano Solos—Vol Jo Sapelo O Mamma! Cavalleria Rusticana... (Masquetti); Verzalette e Care... Falconeri; 2. Piano-forte Solo—Fantasia-Improvisation... Chopin; 3. Violin Solo—Allegretto Poco Mosso (Violin Sonata).... Cesar Frank; With Nura Kants at the Piano; 4. Soprano Solos—O Del Amato Ben. Donaudy; Chit Vuol la Zingarella... Paisiello; 5. Piano-forte Solos—Voices: Minstrels... Claude Debussy; 6. Violin Solo—The Rosary... Nevin-Kreisler.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. "Lohengrin"—Prelude, Act. 3, (Wagner), played by London Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Albert Coates.

9.20 p.m. From the Studio. The 1st of a Second Series of Gramophone Recitals, by the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.

10 p.m. Big Ben. Dance Music.

Four men and one woman were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of possession of a large quantity of heroin pills at No. 55 Caine Road yesterday. Defendants were, Chan Yuen, 22, unemployed, Mak Hung, 34, Chui Sing, 30, Ling King, 18, single woman and Wong Wah, 35, all unemployed. Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit asked for a week's formal remand as the case was for the Sessions. Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones was present for all defendants. Bail in \$2,500 each was fixed.



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DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

When a man loves too much petty successes, he renounces hopes of great glory.—Ph. Charles.

Receiving injuries during a fight when a man and woman hawker were arrested in Yaumatei yesterday, Lam Kai, aged 55, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital to receive attention.

A woman, Poon Sai-kan, residing at No. 113 Lockhart Road, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, after she had been discovered in the Luk Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, suffering from the effects of Lysol poisoning.

For stealing three packets of cigarettes from a shop in Wellington Street yesterday an unemployed youth named Fung Fuk-sing, aged 19, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant had previous convictions.

For cutting wild tree branches from a plantation above the Admiralty House yesterday a man named Chan Hong, aged 34, was arrested and brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant admitted the charge, and, having \$2.08 in his possession, was fined that amount.

Failing to appear before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning to answer a charge of possession of 207 po-pu lottery tickets at Electric Road on Wednesday, Ki Yuk-yum, 17-year-old unemployed youth, had his bail of \$10 exonerated. Sub-Inspector C. S. Magdwick said the man was arrested on information, and the tickets were found concealed in his socks.

Lo Yee, a 30-year-old woman, described as a prostitute, was brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with returning from banishment before the expiration of her period. She was sent away for 10 years on July 31, 1935. Inspector S. Logan said the woman was arrested on information in Hennessy Road. She had previous convictions against her. Defendant said she came back to get some money. Sentence of nine months' hard labour was passed on her.

WILL HONGKONG BE REPRESENTED AT BISLEY'S CORONATION MEETING?

RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S PROBLEM

CONFRONTED WITH RULE THAT MAY BAR TEAM FROM BEING ENTERED

DISPENSATION IS SOUGHT

(By "Veritas")

The Macao Race Meeting

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New Market Tip

LOK CHANG HANDICAP

Victory Life
Rothsay Bay
Merry Fatty

NANCHANG HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Emergency Call
Merry Doer
Ocean View

WUCHANG HANDICAP

Shih Yin Grand
Hogmanay
Coureur Bleu

LADIES DASH (UNOFFICIAL)

Wisdom Stag
Boukka
Paul Jones

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

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the Bendigo Stakes, which was an open event before, is now confined to Australian "B" class cobs.

On the second day, the Curragh Stakes has been changed to a handicap event for "C" class China ponies over a mile. The penalties for winners during 1936 in the Chater Cup remain the same but, the weight for non-winners is 145 lbs. instead of the 140 lbs. for the previous season. This will mean that the poundage cannot exceed 155 lbs. whereas in the previous seasons, a 141 lb. pony with three wins had to shoulder the stupendous burden of 171 lbs.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CATERED

The Australian ponies are well catered for on the third day and the Peking Handicap is a new event for "A" class China ponies that have not won more than \$3,000 in stakes during 1936.

Owing to the number of Derby griffins being entered, the stewards had no alternative but to abolish the Grand Stand Stakes over six furlongs which is run on the fourth day, but, the stake money for winner in the Lusitano Cup has been increased to \$500 instead of \$300.

Owners will please note that "A" class China ponies and winners at the meeting are barred in the Ladies Purse and this, I am sure, is a good news to the "B" standard chasers. In previous years Ladies purse was an open event.

Derby griffins are ineligible for the Jockey Cup. The conditions of the Northern Stakes confined to subscription griffins of the Club of any season have been modified to exclude the winners of the Garrison Cup and the Royal Navy Cup 1937.

The Phacelon Handicap is reserved for "D" class ponies to be run on the last day over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, while entries for the Happy Valley Spring Handicap will be divided into "A" and "B" divisions at the discretion of the gentleman in charge of the poundage. Owners are reminded that the Griffins Spring Handicap is for griffins of the meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. So be liberal with your entries!

All entries close at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, at 3 p.m., on Saturday January 10, 1937.

It will be seen that a nice programme has been framed to meet all the classes of Australian and China ponies and punters may look forward to a very successful meeting.

SPORT ADVTs.

MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The January Race Meeting will be held on Sunday, 10th January, 1937, at Arela Preta, Macao, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The first saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
By order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

SHALL Hongkong be represented at this year's Coronation Bisley Meeting?

Four hundred and seventy-two members of the Hongkong Rifle Association enthusiastically reply "Yes". The National Rifle Association also enthusiastically responds "Yes", then cautiously adds "So long as you abide by our rules".

And there lies the snag which is causing a little anxiety to the Hongkong Rifle Association, for there is one rule, which, unless Hongkong can secure a dispensation from it, will probably prevent the Colony from participating at Bisley. The rule in question states specifically that teams entering certain competitions must be either resident at, or stationed in, the Colony which they represent.

Thus arises Hongkong's problem. If the Colony is to be best represented at Bisley it must rely on members of the Services to constitute the team, and the only chance Hongkong has of turning out such a team, in compliance with the rules, is for officers of regiments stationed here during the Bisley Meeting, to be home on leave.

For all practical purposes this is impossible, and as there is but a faint hope of being able to get together a team of civilian members who may be on leave this summer, the Hongkong Rifle Association's problem becomes somewhat acute.

ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST

With the position thus clearly defined, the Association has approached the N.R.A., to grant them dispensation from this residential qualification rule, and to permit Hongkong to enter a team composed of servicemen now in England, who were formerly stationed in Hongkong, and are members of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

So far the H.K.R.A. has met with no success, but it is persevering with its efforts, believing that such a concession on the part of the National Rifle Association will do nothing to injure the fairness of the competitions which Hongkong wishes to enter, but will certainly do much to stimulate rifle shooting in the Colony, and will enable Hongkong to participate in a notable event.

Furthermore the H.K.R.A. feels that if it can enter the team it has in mind, Hongkong stands a very fair chance of winning. It is desired to compete for the Morning Post Imperial Challenge Cup (Junior Kolapore), and in the Harriet Imperial Challenge Cup and Junior Mackinnon Cup. These contests call for teams of four, and the local Association already has earmarked a very powerful combination of sharpshooters now stationed in England, which, if the N.R.A. accedes to requests, will fire for the Colony.

The Colony as a whole will sympathise with the Rifle Association in its efforts to secure representation at Bisley, and it is to be hoped that possibly the military authorities here can assist the Association to achieve its object.

472 MEMBERSHIP

Before the end of this month the Hongkong Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting, when it will be announced that the full membership now stands at 472, which is only just short of the 500 mark aimed at. But better appreciation of the enormous increase in interest displayed in the Association and its activities by riflemen can be gauged by the fact that since May last the full membership has leaped up from 320 to its present figure. The associate membership of course, totals over 4,000.

RUMOURED "INCIDENT"

FIRM DENIAL BY AUSTRALIAN TEST MATCH PLAYERS

Melbourne, Jan. 7.

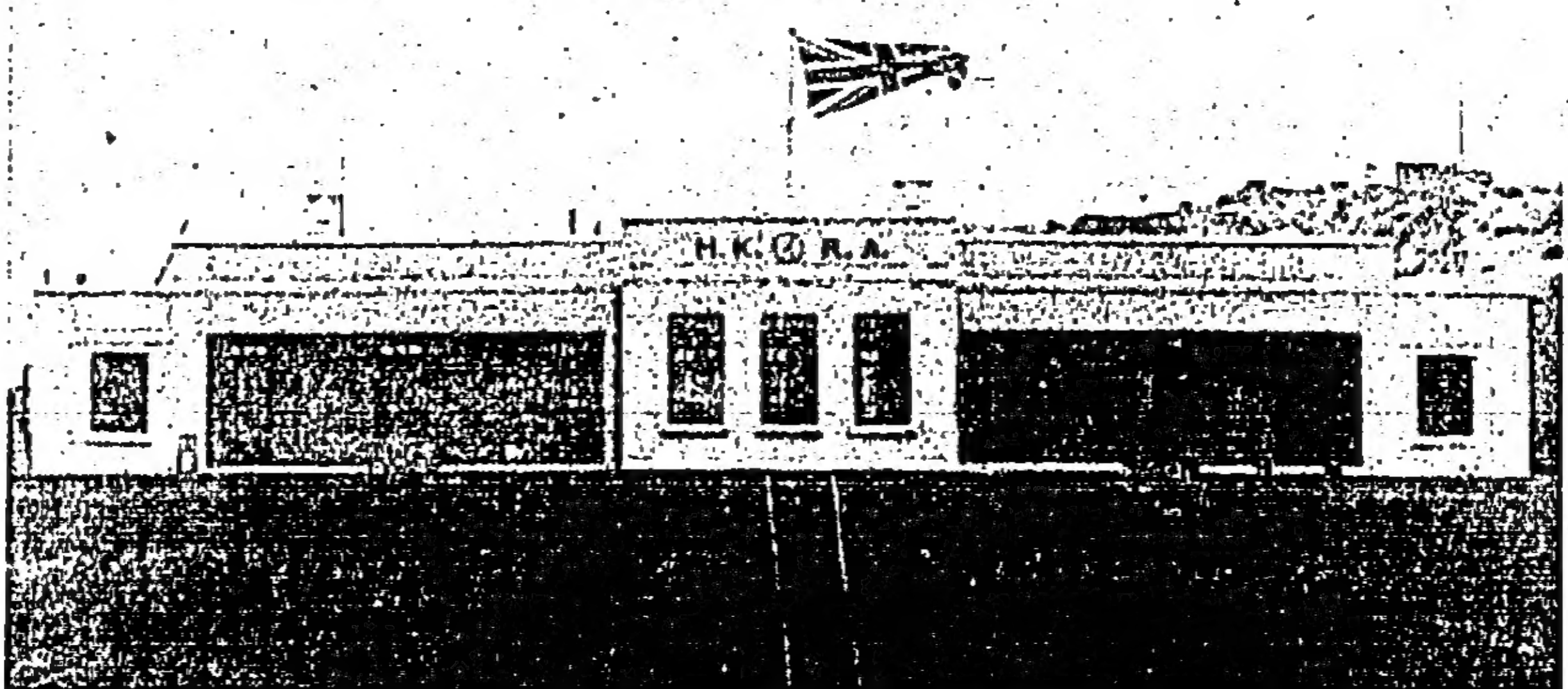
As a sensational aftermath of the Test match it is learned on the highest authority that four prominent Australian Test Match players were called before a special meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Board of Control to-day at the instigation of the Australian Captain, Don Bradman, to discuss rumours of off-field behaviour.

It is understood that it was pointed out to the players that their behaviour was unfair to Australia. The players' spokesman denied the rumours and said that both sides were parting on the friendliest terms.

No official action is likely to be taken.

BRADMAN'S DENIAL

Melbourne, Jan. 7.
A member of the Board interviewed by Reuter, said that neither by word nor by writing, nor by suggestion had Bradman complained against any particular players.



The handsome new clubhouse of the Hongkong Rifle Association, which is proving extremely popular among the members.

Few Great Classic Winners In Home Flat Season

London.

The year 1936, so far as classic winners are concerned, was not a great one in racing history. Mahmoud is not worthy of comparison with Bahram or Windsor Lad, and it is reasonable to include him among the middle class winners of the Derby.

Boswell was winner of one of the most disappointing St. Leger races of recent years—disappointing because of the absence from the field of Precipitation, the extraordinary failure of Rhodes Scholar to live up to his reputation, and the prevalence of heelbit at the time the race was run.

Boswell may yet prove himself a worthy winner of classic honours, but his failure to give 3lbs. to Precipitation in the Jockey Club Stakes suggests that he is nothing out of the common.

He is the only classic winner to remain in training. Pay Up has finished with racing and is detained for the Littleton stud, though his services will not be available until 1938.

Tideway has already been retired to the paddocks, and Lovely Rosa will soon leave for the States to be mated with Tibertus. Other notable three-year-old fillies which have finished with racing include Barrowby Gem just purchased at a big price for the Sledmere stud.

This famous establishment, which a few years ago was in danger of falling from its high estate, is now acquiring mares of exceptional stamp.

CHANCE FOR ASCOT

The supply of high class three-year-olds left over for next season's racing, it can be seen from these defections, is not satisfactory. Perhaps the best stayer of this age is Precipitation, and if all goes well with him he will be the popular choice for next season's Ascot Gold Cup. This race from the monetary point of view will be of greater attraction than ever.

Most people are interested in the future of Rhodes Scholar. It is the task of J. Lawson to build him up again to supplement his triumphs at Ascot and Sandown. Providing he recovers his form, he is not unlikely that Rhodes Scholar will win the Eclipse Stakes a second time.

Among the older horses, Quashed remains in the hand of C. Leader. Her main objective will be to equal the performances of Trimdon, Invincible and others by winning another Ascot Cup. Few two-year-olds have ever competed for that race, and it is tolerably safe to say that Quashed would never have been given the opportunity of doing so had she been in the Stud Book. The chances are that Omaha will again be among her rivals, though his owner and trainer will have to decide between him and Boswell. There is also a possibility that Flares, the younger brother of Omaha, will develop into a cup horse next year.

TWO-YEAR OLDS

It is too early to say whether the crack two-year-olds are more than an average lot. Certainly they include several of great promise. For example, Early School may be a smasher, but so far the Mantol colt has never been extended. His immense speed has been shown beyond question, and, as a son of Felstead, he should stay.

It is through Early School's sire that he is entitled to preference for the Foray as the probable winner of the Derby. Another youngster who promises to develop into a colt of the highest class is Fair Copy, but unfortunately, he is not in the Derby. There is the prospect of a great race between him and Foray in the Two Thousand Guineas, in which the smart Diplomat can join issue with them, this being his only classic entry.

It is a foregone conclusion that Early School will be at the head of the Free Handicap. Mr. A. Fawcett, the handicapper, will probably set him to give 2 lbs. to Fair Copy.

The handicapper will find it a little difficult to deal with Le Grand Duc, who was suffering from a cracked heel when he ran so badly at Doncaster; Perifox, too, will be something of a puzzle, as excuses can be urged for his two latest defeats.

Waterbird's reputation has suffer-

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course

9.20	D.S. Robb, K. S. Robertson.
9.25	J. D. Hutchison & Co. A. P. C.
9.30	A. McCallum, H. M. Alexander.
9.35	S. T. Butlin, N. E. Littlejohn.
9.40	A. E. Lissaman, K. K. Round.
9.45	G. Gawler, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.50	B. D. Evans, T. R. Rowell.
9.55	Capt. Mitchell, D. Baker Carr.
10.00	W. A. Stewart, W. Sharp.
10.05	I. P. Tamworth, T. Low.
10.10	Comdr. Hole, J. E. Dovey.
10.15	J. W. Maynew, W. Hewitt.
10.20	W. S. Hillier, T. J. Price.
10.25	Col. Blake, Capt. Cragg.
10.30	H. N. Williamson, G. T. May.
10.35	R. L. S. Webb, E. G. Smith.
10.40	Wright.
10.45	S. A. Sleep, W. L. Alexander.
10.50	Wing Cdr. Bishop, W. J. Waddington.
10.55	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet.
11.00	W. Woodhouse, J. Forster.
11.05	H. S. Dinsdale, E. R. Price.
11.10	A. C. Young, T. Lindars.
11.15	G. H. Wilson, A. D. Humphreys.
11.20	J. P. Sherry, C. Mycock.
11.25	J. J. Gibbison, I. H. Geare.
11.30	W. N. A. Smalley, D. H. Hazell.
11.35	C. Burton, T. C. Monaghan.
11.40	J. H. McElroy, D. W. MacEwen.
11.45	F. A. M. Elliott, N. P. Fox.
11.50	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
11.55	H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes.
12.00	Comdr. Barry, E. Bathurst.
12.05	Comdr. MacDonald, E. T. MacMullen.

New Course

9.24	D. J. Gilmore, P. H. Scoones.
9.28	H. C. Hopkins, G. H. Catherley.
9.32	G. A. Leiper, A. S. Adamson.
9.36	K. W. Jones, J. S. Dunnett.
9.40	Mrs. Blake, Mrs. McDonald.
9.44	Mrs. Harrop, Mrs. Dinsdale.
9.48	Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Prophet.
9.52	A. W. Campbell, K. F. Noble.
9.56	Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Godrich.
10.00	A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
10.04	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
10.08	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Hillier.

SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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St. Andrew's; C.B.S. v. "Y" Ladies; H.K. Ladies v. Winners of the C.B.A.-R.U.R. match.

The following are the teams:
C.B.A.—J. Walker, F. Best; I. Woolley, O. Peters; A. N. Oher, Mrs. Burton, D. Hunt.

C.B.S.—M. Frazer, J. Booker; M. McCaw, C. Bone; M. Booker, D. McCaw, P. Baxter.

H.K.L.—E. Gray, J. Dalziel; B. Pope, K. Glover; W. Marsh, Mrs. Diver, Mrs. Donald.

Recreo.—C. Osmund, O. Botelho; Mrs. Silva, E. Xavier; M. Roza, C. Silva, A. Alves.

St. Andrew's—G. White, L. Cross; J. Humphreys, J. Wong; F. Wong, M. Roza, P. Glittens. Reserve, S. West.

R.U.R.—Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Campbell; Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hamilton; Mrs. Elwood, E. Harman, Mrs. McNeilan.

R.V.F.—Mrs. Wigham, Mrs. Cowan; Mrs. Kildell, Mrs. MacGuinness; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dandy.

"Y" L.—A. Fowler, E. Thomson; M. Smith, S. Dalziel, O. Dalziel, V. Bradbury, M. Westcott.

D.G.S.—Not yet received.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

CLUB V. ARMY T.T. MATCH

HONOURS MAY BE DETERMINED

The Army will play the Club in the first of their two matches in the Triangular Tournament to-morrow on the Club ground at Happy Valley commencing at 4 p.m. Four matches of the series have already been played as follows:—

December 5.—Club beat the Royal the Army—11-0.
December 12.—Royal Navy beat the Army—11-0.
December 19.—Club beat the Royal Navy—12-10.
January 2.—Royal Navy beat the Army—16-3.

The Club thus have two wins to their credit, the Royal Navy two wins and two defeats and the Army two defeats. If the Army can beat the Club in the two remaining matches, honours will be equally divided for the season, but if the Club can secure one more win they will deprive the Army of the trophy which they won so well last year.

The Army have been unlucky with injuries this season and have been unable to field a full side regularly. Some of their best players—Fuslier Floyd and Cpl. Davies are now back on the active list and will turn out on Saturday. To win, the Army forwards will have to subdue the Club pack and prevent them giving the ball to their outsiders. With the increased thrust, which has been sadly lacking to date, but which the above players will give to the Army back division, providing they have a large share of the ball, the Army stand a good chance of retrieving their fortunes with one of the two necessary wins. At all events, a hard game with plenty of open work will be witnessed by spectators at the Valley.

The Triangular Tournament game will be preceded at 2.45 p.m. by a match between the China Fleet Engine Room Artillery XV and the Club A.V. Mr. D. W. MacEwen has kindly consented to referee the Triangular Tournament game and Mr. H. W. L. Ewin the A.V. fixture.

The Army and Club teams selected are as follows:—

Army:—Fus. Barry, Fus. Floyd, Cpl. Davies, Fus. Kelsaw, Spr. Boyling, L/C. Lewis, Fus. Preece, Lt. Lincoln (Captain), Fus. Watkins, Gnr. Wright, Fus. Ganney, L/C. Bebb, Cpl. Harrison, Cpl. Gillespie, Fus. Morgan.

Club XV:—J. P. Whitham, C. K. Chndwick, W. E. Grieve, H. D. Bldwell, K. A. Munro, A. H. R. (Captain), J. Bonnar, A. F. Walkden, Gnr. Wright, Fus. Ganney, L/C. Bebb, I. H. Bradford, A. W. Holden, N. E. Clark, K. A. Watson and B. O'M. Deane.

Club A XV:—M. H. Curtis, H. F. Hopkins, I. S. Forbes, A. F. Read, H. van Leeuwen, J. Hutchison (Captain), J. Henderson, D. K. Paul, J. Sallor, W. Schnabel, J. Rodman, B. Hynes, A. F. Russell, T. Swan and H. W. E. Heath.

TO PLAY JAPANESE HOCKEY TEAM

Combined Services XI Is Chosen

The following have been selected to play for the Combined Services against the Waseda University hockey team to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock on the U.S.R.C. ground, Chatham Road.
Spr. Howlett; Bdm. Cox and Cmdr. Broome; Spr. Brown, Capt. Stapleton and Lt. Comdr. McCoy; Lieut. Donald, Lieut. Thornhill, Sub-Lieut. Wealth, L.N. Narain Singh and Rfina. Pnab.

THE NEXT TEST MATCH

The Australian team for the fourth Test Match will not be selected before next week.—Reuter.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE



"I don't know why, but I always eat more than I intend to. I'll have a piece of apple pie, if you will."

The SAFETY LAMP

How a Parson Risked His Life to Test It

By
CLAUD GOLDING

ONE hundred and twenty-one years ago to-day the Davy safety-lamp was first used in a coal-mine.

On January 8, 1810, the Rev. John Hodgson, Rector of Jarrold, New-castle-on-Tyne, received from Sir Humphry Davy two lamps. Davy wrote that he believed his invention would solve the problem of illumination in mines, but he had never really put the lamps to a test.

Hodgson's satisfaction at the receipt of the lamps was unreserved. Although he had been asked by Davy to take one of the lamps down a mine and give it a practical test, he had such confidence in the great scientist that he had little fear of the result. Hodgson knew, however, that there was a grave risk of explosion if the lamp failed to act.

Up to this time miners, when working in foul air, used a steel mill—a disc of steel that was kept revolving in contact with a piece of flint. This device was safe enough, but it gave little light.

Davy's scheme was to enclose the

flame in a lantern made of wire gauze.

On January 9 Hodgson descended into the pit carrying with him a Davy lamp. What effect the introduction of a light into the mine would have had on the miners can be easily imagined. It appears, however, that the parson kept his experiment to himself.

In Hebburn pit he walked about in an atmosphere of fire-damp with the utmost courage. As he moved from one point to another the lamp became full of blazing gas, but there was no explosion.

Then the most dramatic incident of the whole episode occurred. Hodgson wandered about swinging the lamp, holding it high and low, until he drew near a miner who worked laboriously by the indifferent light of a steel mill.

As the light from Hodgson's lamp approached the miner looked up. He saw what was apparently a candle whose flame burned without protection. The shock was almost too much for him. "Put out the light," he roared.

But when no attention was paid to his cries and the glow came nearer

admitted afterwards that he ought to have prepared the miner for the shock.

The Rev. John Hodgson was one of the pioneers who influenced Sir Humphry Davy to produce his lamp.

Up to the early years of the 19th century calamities in the mines through fire-damp had been frequent, but no one concerned with the pits, or the profits they brought, considered it worth while to try to remedy the matter.

It was left to a few humanitarians to induce scientists to bestir themselves.

In August, 1815, Sir Humphry Davy was travelling through Northumberland. His reputation as a scientist was known all over England and, indeed, the Continent.

A certain Dr. Gray, rector of Blyth-wearmouth, implored him to stay in Newcastle and examine the possibility of relieving the danger from explosions in the mines.

Hodgson and a colliery engineer named Buddie, put Davy in possession of the facts. It was the first time his attention had been drawn to circumstances under which the colliers worked.

He came back to London in a thoughtful mood. After a series of experiments he found that a flame would not pass through minute tubes. It thereupon occurred to him that a sheet of wire-gauze was equivalent to a series of tubes placed in rows. He soon evolved a plan for encircling a flame with a cylinder of gauze.

It was a scientific fact that inflammable air could get through the gauze and become ignited, but it could not come outside the gauze and thus cause an explosion in the mine.

Davy wrote to Hodgson for a sample of fire damp. He had already come to certain conclusions as the result of reasoning, but had not put his theory to a practical test.

When the fire damp arrived, and he had experimented with it, he was satisfied that he had not made a mistake.

At the end of October 1815, Davy again wrote to Hodgson and told him the result of his experiments, and that he intended to make a lamp.

This letter read at a public meeting at Newcastle and caused a sensation. The Royal Society were no less impressed when he gave them the result of his researches.

The first Davy lamp was placed in the Museum of Practical Geology in the Jermyn-street, Piccadilly, London.

TO-DAY
IN HISTORY

Buddie, the colliery engineer, advised Davy to take out a patent for his invention. Buddie was a practical man. He could see the enormous value of the lamp. But Davy refused to make money out of saving the lives of miners. "It might enable me to put four horses in my carriage," he said; "but what could it avail me to have it said that Sir Humphry drives his carriage and four?"

Whilst Davy was working out his scheme of a miners' safety lamp, another man was working on similar lines. He was George Stephenson, then an unknown engineer at Killingworth Colliery, near Newcastle.

His experiments were purely mechanical and had nothing to do with the fact that a flame would not pass through gauze. In August 1816, he evolved a safety lamp which was tested two months later.

With his son, Robert, then only a boy, and Nicholas Wood, a superintendent at Killingworth, Stephenson went down into the mine. Stephenson was as courageous as Hodgson, whose experiment took place three months afterwards.

"Advancing to the place of danger," records a biographer of George Stephenson, "and entering into the fouled air, his lighted lamp in hand, he held it firmly out, in the full current of the blower, and within a few inches of its mouth. Thus exposed, the flame of the lamp first increased, and then flickered and went out, but there was no explosion of gas."

"Such was the result of the first experiment with the first practical miners' safety lamp; and such the daring resolution of its inventor in testing its valuable qualities."

An improved type of Stephenson's lamp was successful, and lamps constructed on that principle were used in the Killingworth Colliery. This lamp was similar to that of Davy.

Thus, both Sir Humphry Davy and George Stephenson must be given credit for inventing the safety lamp. Both came to a similar conclusion in the end, but had approached the idea from different angles.

In 1810 and 1817 there was much controversy as to who should receive the credit of discovering the safety lamp. Unfortunately for Stephenson, scientists were on the side of Davy.

Stephenson was too modest to push his claim. Thus Davy has always been known as the pioneer.

Happiest Day in the ex-Kaiser's Life

IT is like a tale from Hans Andersen. Once upon a time a man dreamed, for half his life, the terrible nightmare dream that he was an Emperor.

Then he woke up, and discovered that he was no longer an Emperor—he was a Free Man.

His name is Wilhelm Hohenzollern, and he lives in Holland, with one of the finest rose gardens in the world. Before the war he was Kaiser of Germany.

E. F. Benson, the author, suggests that this grandson of Queen Victoria

is interesting as a psychological study. The day the Kaiser woke up and lived was the day he fled into Holland. It was, Mr. Benson hints, the happiest day in his life. The gates of Amerongen Castle clashed behind him, and he entered his first refuge in Holland.

"At last," says Mr. Benson in a book recently published, "The Kaiser and English Relations" (Longmans, 10s.), "the War Lord felt safe; he rubbed his hands together and said, 'Now for a cup of real good English tea.'"

"Life as he had known it, since the days when he first realised his crippled arm, had been a campaign of defensive psychological combat. All his energies had been directed by the furious desire to conceal his pitiful nativity into concealing his smoke screens of bombast the ill-mannered fortress of his soul."

"Now all was over; he need complete no more, and, above all, he trembled no more at the machinations of the encircling nations. He had lost his crown, he was an exile in a foreign land, his personal de-

feat amounted to annihilation, and now there was nothing to fear, for all his fears had been realised, and with their fulfilment came the tranquillity that was attendant on unconditional surrender.

"Destiny had been cruel in ordaining that a man of his temper and temperament should be Emperor of a great nation. Throughout his reign he had never shown any grasp of the serious responsibilities of kingship, never once, for all his encircled patriotism, had he rendered any true service to his country, nor ever had he failed to use his great abilities in the cause of European disquiet."

"If only Providence had consigned him to be a squire of ample means and estate just outside some country town in England, what a pleasant and useful existence his might have been."

Mr. Benson believes that he loved England, but he felt that his love of England had been repaid with scorn and mistrust, and he has said that he lives at Doorn "by the vile intrigues of the British statesmen."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Davy lamp first used in coal mines, 1816.

BORN:

John Earl St. Vincent (Admiral Jervis), 1734.

DIED:

Caroline Lucretia Herschel, astronomer, 1848.

and nearer he began to use language that was not fit for the ears of a parson.

He took Hodgson to be a comrade with incendiary inclinations. The miner changed his tune. He gave up swearing and tried wheedling.

Surely, he thought, the man with the light was mad. Hodgson made no reply. He moved nearer to the miner and halted within a few paces. Then the workman could see who it was, for Hodgson was well known and respected among the pitmen.

There was a smile of triumph on the face of the parson, who, however, was somewhat conscience-stricken at having given the man a fright. He Jermyn-street, Piccadilly, London.

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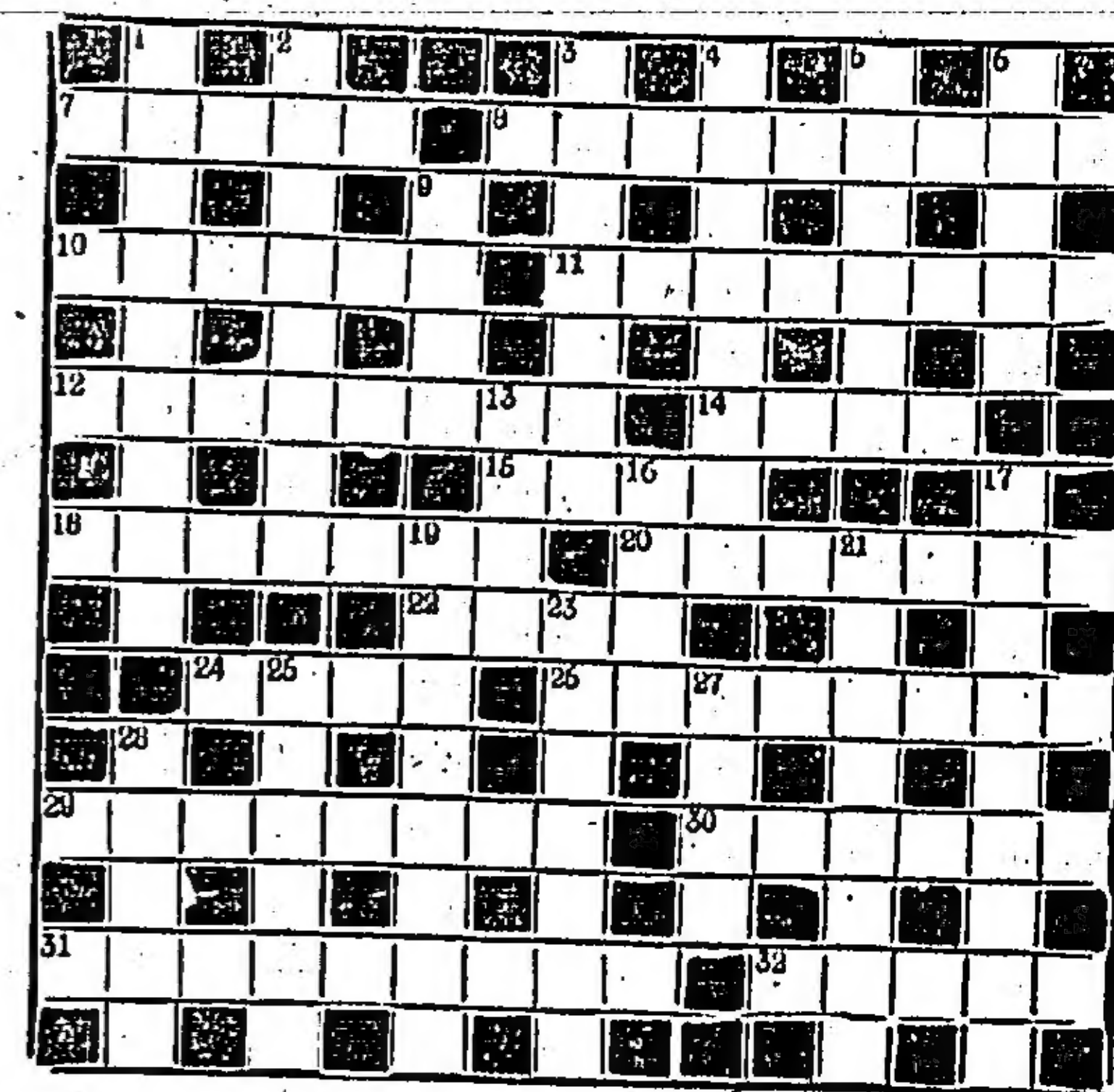
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- 7 Paid for toll with time.
- 8 On a summit in the aggregate.
- 9 Not quite the line to pawn, this material.
- 10 All girlish.
- 11 Descriptive of a board that is well covered.
- 12 With great rapidity, the Hindu denoted the ruler's mordant interest (hidden).
- 13 Capital.
- 14 She sang for it.
- 15 Lay on.
- 16 Just cash this and get the material.
- 17 Hidden in Clue 14.
- 18 A Butlerian burlesque.
- 19 Well "rid, no rig" for this anagram.
- 20 Tell how—straight.
- 21 A newspaper fire.
- 22 Where everyone goes to for rest.

DOWN

- 1 Just tasting, thus saving our interior.
- 2 Hearing these, one guesses the dancer to be—in glasses.
- 3 Tugs men (anag.).
- 4 If you must get the sack, it is a good thing to be fired with this.
- 5 Less than tatters, arranged, so to speak.

- 6 Isn't it fine? though it might be folly.
- 9 Prefix hidden in Clue 14.
- 13 Police informer.
- 16 Stend.
- 17 Withdrawn from competitive effort.
- 18 Mean prey (anag.).
- 21 A small party.
- 23 Still Rhine wine: always was.
- 25 Welsh county.
- 27 Hidden in Clue 14.
- 28 A bit of bluff (hyphen 3-2).

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FRENCH CURE FOR STRIKES

ARBITRATION ACT WORKS SMOOTHLY

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(Special To "Telegraph")

Paris, Jan. 7. The remarkable change in the strike situation in France is largely due to the Government's new Arbitration Act and is strikingly illustrated in the statement of the Ministry of the Interior that there are now only 6,500 strikers throughout the country. Of these only 2,100 are occupying factories, compared with approximately 40,000 strikers, of whom 21,000 were occupying workshops and factories only a week ago.

The situation is therefore regarded as returned to normal. The strike in the metal industries is considered over, the milk suppliers' strike is ended. But the decision for a laundry-workers' walk-out is expected at any time.—Reuter Special.

EX-KINGS LUNCH IN VIENNA

ALFONSO HOST TO EDWARD

Vienna, Jan. 7. The Duke of Windsor was a guest at luncheon of the ex-King of Spain, at the Hotel Imperial, to-day. The third person present was Alfonso's son, Jaime.

After an hour's stay, ex-King Alfonso accompanied the Duke to a car outside the hotel, where a crowd quickly gathered and cheered the two ex-monarchs. The Duke of Windsor immediately returned to Enzesfeld.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Influenza In Britain Takes Cruel Toll

London, Jan. 7. Influenza deaths in the past week have reached a total of 325, compared with 97 in the previous week. The epidemic has broken out in the United States. Washington cables state that cases reported from all parts of the union have doubled in the last week.—Reuter.

Recognition Of Burgos Government?

Valladolid, Jan. 7. The newspaper Norte de Castilla reports that the Pope has named Cardinal Primate Isidro Gomara Tomas, semi-official and confidential representative to the Burgos Government, and it is said that the appointment is tantamount to the Vatican's recognition of the Highlist Government.—United Press.

Pope Appears Better

MIND ACTIVE DESPITE EXHAUSTION

Vatican City, Jan. 7. There is a tendency towards improvement in the Pope's condition, according to official circles. The welcome relief has enabled His Holiness to lie with his feet extended, while a special cage has spared him from the friction of the bed clothes. His Holiness is suffering from exhaustion. He has spells of lassitude and depression, but his mind is most active.—Reuter Special.

HITLER AS EMPEROR?

BERLIN DENIES PARIS RUMOURS

Berlin, Jan. 8. A circumstantial story published in Paris to the effect that Herr Adolf Hitler contemplates the early assumption of a title equivalent to "Emperor" has evoked a sharp semi-official denial from Berlin. The denial says that papers publishing such senseless rumours completely discredit their own political reputations.—Reuter.

FRANCE AWAITS TURKISH MOVE

But has no Fear of any Coup de Force in Syria

Paris, Jan. 7.

No news of any massing of Turkish troops on the southern frontier, adjacent to Alexandretta and Antioch, has reached well-informed quarters here.

It is pointed out that Turkey is not demanding annexation of Alexandretta or Antioch, but is merely urging the granting of independence. It is therefore thought that a coup de force by Turkey is most unlikely.

It is emphasised that France is content to leave matters in the hands of the League of Nations, where negotiations with the Turks are continuing. And it is hoped that an acceptable solution may be reached.—Reuter.

Seeds of Trouble

Paris, Jan. 7. It is explained that the Franco-Turkish quarrel over Antioch and Alexandretta is an outgrowth of the World War treaties, by which Turkey ceded Alexandretta to Syria, over which France obtained a mandate. Recently France announced her intention of giving Syria independence within three years, whereupon Turkey announced she was reclaiming the territory and appealed to the League of Nations.

Meanwhile, Istanbul despatches report great public excitement, as M. Kemal Ataturk has summoned his Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the Interior and members of the Army General Staff to a four-hour conference at Eskishir.—United Press.

30,000 Troops On Hand

Paris, Jan. 7. A spokesman of the Quai d'Orsay said to-day France had 30,000 white and native colonial troops stationed in Syria.

"Our force is larger than the public generally believes and is sufficient to deal with any eventuality. But we do not expect the occasion to arise."

The hint of trouble on the Turkish-Syrian border has served to divert official attention from the Spanish crisis.—United Press.

Deny Concentration

Angora, Jan. 8. Authoritative circles deny the reports of a concentration of Turkish troops on the Turkish-Syrian border. M. Kemal Ataturk, the President of the republic, is expected to return to Angora in two or three days.—Reuter.



Lieut. R. H. S. Clark, R.N., of H.M.S. Medway, and his bride, formerly Miss Peggy Isabel Morrow, leaving St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon after their wedding. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

CONGRESS WORKS RAPIDLY

ROOSEVELT MAY PUT END TO R.F.C.

CARING FOR JOBLESS

Washington, Jan. 7. Preparing for quick action on the second point of President Roosevelt's emergency programme, leaders of the United States Administration to-day tentatively approved of a conditional "death sentence" for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

It is said that they will probably authorise the President to discontinue the agency at any time should conditions warrant such action.

In a letter to Representative William I. Sirovitch, Democrat of New York, President Roosevelt gave his definite assurance that no individuals needing relief will be dropped from the Works Progress Administration's payrolls, and that any already eliminated will be reinstated.

He said that he had discussed this matter with the Relief Administrator Mr. Harry Hopkins, who had issued the necessary instruction.—United Press.

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